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OF MAY, 1872,

ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The General Assembly, at its sessions in the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in the city of Detroit, Michigan, appointed the following Standing Committee on the Board of Publication, viz.

Ministers—J. Glentworth Butler, D. D., George S. Mott, Robert F. Wilson, Elliot H. Payson, George W. Smyth, Charles Thayer, Samuel L. Merrell, James M. McRee.

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On Monday, May 20th, this Committee presented its Report, which was unanimously adopted, without amendment or discussion. The Rev. William E. Schenck, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, by invitation addressed the Assembly. The Report is as follows :

REPORT.

The Standing Committee on Publication respectfully presents the following facts, suggestions, and recommendations, for approval and adoption by this General Assembly :

I. SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Publication discloses the following facts, comprising an outline of its external history and work for the year.

1. Moneys received, \$313,167 19; moneys disbursed, \$289,169 34. Of these amounts, \$101,282 was received, and \$77,953 expended, on account of the Building Fund; \$41,923 was received, and \$50,857 expended, for Missionary purposes; \$158,198 were received, and \$160,358 expended, on account of Bookstore and Periodicals.

2. *Publications Issued.*—New works, 31 bound volumes, 13 tracts, and 5 Sunday-school pamphlets, with a total of 190,250 copies, and reprints of 821,850 copies, making a total of 1,012,400 publications; also 2,175,000 copies of the *Sabbath-school Visitor*, and 172,750 copies of the *Monthly Record*.

3. *Colportage.*—156 men have labored in 33 Synods and 98 Presbyteries, or in 20 States and Territories, and in Canada and Brazil.

By these 156 men 60,029 volumes have been sold, and 71,864 volumes and 3,598,000 tract pages gratuitously distributed, and 116,235 families visited.

4. *Missionary Grants.*—In all 578, amounting to \$14,764, of which 227 were made to needy missions and Sabbath schools, 161 to pastors and others for gratuitous distribution, 59 for needy ministers and missionaries, 45 to mission churches and schools, 42 to Freedmen's churches and schools, and the remainder to foreign mission stations and miscellaneous objects.

5. In the Sabbath-school department, the instructions of the last Assembly have been carried out. A General Superintendent has been appointed, Mr. J. Bennett Tyler, who entered upon his duties in January last, has performed much preparative work, and everywhere found interest and sympathy with the plans of the Assembly. To the Westminster Series of Sabbath-school Lessons for teachers and scholars three numbers have been added, in continuation of a plan which embraces a full curriculum of Bible study.

6. *Minor and Miscellaneous Items*—

(1.) The preparation of the Digest has been undertaken, and the work is in a state of forwardness.

(2.) A standard edition of the Shorter Catechism with the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, have been carefully prepared, unanimously approved by the Board, and is now presented for formal endorsement by the Assembly.

(3.) Catalogues of general publications and Sabbath-school books, and a useful pamphlet describing the work of the Boards, entitled, "To what do Presbyterians Give?" have been printed for gratuitous distribution.

(4.) Arrangements have been made to furnish, to any desired amount, as ordered, approved Sabbath-school books of other publishers, and all needful appliances for Sabbath-school workers; also, Bibles and selected religious books for personal, family and congregational use. Arrangements have been made in some cities, and the Board are preparing to extend them to all centres of Presbyterian population, by which these books may be brought within easy reach of our entire membership. The method and the only possible method, of doing this, is by sales to responsible

booksellers. Besides these specific details, as further evidences of progress, it appears that the internal re-organization of the Board has been completed, its business relations have been extended, its sales increased, its receipts for benevolent uses enlarged, its missionary work considerably expanded, and the new building nearly completed, furnishing all needful facilities for the publishing work, offices for the Board of Education and the Ministerial Relief Fund, and a home for Presbyterians and Presbyterian interests, local and general.

II. SUGGESTIONS.

1. *Respecting the Sunday-school work.* Grave vital questions touching the religious culture of the children demand intelligent and thorough discussion among our own churches, at such times and places and by such methods as will bring together the mass of parents and teachers. To achieve this desirable object all that seems needful is to utilize our simple machinery in this service, by connecting popular meetings in the Sunday-school interest with the working programme of Synods and Presbyteries, at their regular sessions or by their special appointments. The general order and conduct of such meetings should be submitted in advance to judicious committees, that the best informed and trained men may be secured to expound and illustrate the varied subjects coming appropriately under consideration, and that every legitimate method may be used to reach and draw together, to instruct, interest and encourage teachers, parents and friends of the Sunday-school.

The Sunday-school interest may also be greatly subversed if our pastors personally share with superintendents and teachers in the supervision and instruction of the children. And it is believed that the success of these schools of the Church would be further aided if they were recognized as an integral part of the congregation by a regular liberal provision for all needful expenses.

2. *Respecting Colportage, and Gratuitous Tract and Book Distribution.*—This is the missionary department of the Board's work, and for this exclusively the offerings of the churches are asked. Of useful effects flowing from personal Christian effort, none can exceed those of the self-denying toilers who bear among the homes and distribute along the ways of men such a vast amount of printed truth, with accompanying earnest words of counsel and prayer. Heartily approving the result already wrought, we earnestly urge our churches so to increase their offerings that this work may be greatly enlarged. Besides the points practically commended in these brief suggestions, the Committee present for adoption the following specific

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That every Presbytery coöperate with the Board of Publication by appointing a Standing Committee upon the Sunday-school and Colportage work.

2. That the prosecution of the Sabbath-school mission work be made a special object of attention by our outlying Presbyteries, and that the colporteurs in their bounds be, as far as possible, selected with reference to fitness for that mission work.

3. That the General Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work should receive the cordial coöperation of the Synods, Presbyteries, pastors, superintendents, and all workers and friends of the Sabbath-school in executing the plans of the Board.

4. That popular meetings of the teachers and friends of the Sabbath-school, for discussion and conference about methods of work, be held in connection with the sessions of Synods and Presbyteries, or by their special appointment: and that such meetings be under the direction of competent committees, who shall indicate such speakers and topics as will interest and profit all classes among the people.

5. That every Presbytery take measures, at its spring meeting, to gather and transmit to the General Superintendent of Sabbath-school Work the detailed statistics for the year, of the schools within its bounds.

6. That our pastors and church sessions steadfastly use all judicious efforts to introduce our own publications into the Sabbath-school libraries and into the homes of our people; and that our superintendents and teachers endeavor to increase the circulation of the *Sabbath-school Visitor* in their respective schools.

7. That the Board of Publication increase its grants of every class, for gratuitous distribution, as far as its Missionary Fund will allow. In conclusion, the Committee present the following resolutions for formal action by this Assembly:

STANDARD SHORTER CATECHISM.

Resolved, That the Assembly approve the revised copy of the Shorter Catechism with the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, presented by the Board of Publication, and hereby adopt the same as the standard edition of our Church.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That the first Friday evening of each annual meeting of the General Assembly be set apart for a meeting in behalf of the interests of the Sabbath-school.

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1872.

THE Board of Publication gladly avails itself of its privilege to make to the General Assembly this Annual Report of its plans and efforts for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom by the diffusion of gospel truth upon the printed page.

In many respects the past year has been one of unusual difficulty. The general condition of commercial affairs has been one of depression and comparative inactivity. The business operations of the Board have been to some extent restricted by this cause. The fact that the Board has been engaged in building, which has kept its bookstore and other arrangements in a very unsettled state, and has prevented it from having any retail bookstore, except upon a narrow and unfrequented street, has been a temporary but serious disadvantage to its business. In its benevolent operations it has unquestionably experienced, and perhaps to a greater degree than most of the other Boards, some loss from the efforts, to some degree exhaustive, put forth by portions of the Church in raising the Great Memorial

Fund of the year preceding. The terrible conflagrations which occurred in October last in Chicago and other portions of the North-west very properly absorbed large amounts of benevolent contributions from our Presbyterian Church, as well as from the other evangelical denominations of the Christian Church, and at the same time, through the loss of property and of revenues from insurance companies, greatly crippled the means of many who had been among the most liberal givers in our churches. For these and other reasons, this Board regards the past year as one of exceptional and extraordinary difficulty and disadvantage in the prosecution of the work assigned to it.

But notwithstanding all the hindrances in its way, the year now closed has been one of decided and pleasing progress in many respects. Extended and carefully-considered plans have been laid for the Board's future work. The internal reorganization of the Board has been carried into details and made more complete. The several committees of the Board, which have comprehended all its members, have performed the several duties allotted to them carefully, thoroughly, systematically and harmoniously. The business relations of the Board have been extended, its sales have increased, its receipts for benevolent purposes enlarged, and its missionary work very considerably expanded. Altogether, the Board of Publication was never in so flourishing, so hopeful, or so useful a condition as it is at this time. And it rejoices in the many and unmis- takeable evidences it is constantly receiving that its important work is regarded with great and increasing favor by the great body of our ministers and people.

THE NEW BUILDING.

It gives us pleasure to present to the Church, as a frontispiece to this Report, a view of the new Presbyterian Publication House, No. 1334 Chestnut Street, opposite the United States Mint. This building was begun about a year ago. Its middle and rear portions are entirely completed and occupied. The front portion, facing on Chestnut

Street, is rapidly approaching completion, and will probably be occupied in the course of the summer. Its basement is fire-proof throughout, and will be used mainly for the storage of stereotype plates. The entire first floor will be occupied by the bookstore in its retail and wholesale departments. The second story will contain a large and handsome Assembly Room, to be used for meetings of the Board, of the Presbytery, the Ministerial Association, and other gatherings connected with the work of our denomination; also the offices of the Board of Publication, of Education and the Ministerial Relief Fund. The two last named, which are the only others of the Assembly's benevolent schemes now located in Philadelphia, have been invited by the Board of Publication to occupy apartments on this floor without charge for rent, light or fuel. The third story, except one large front room, will be used for the storage of merchandize connected with the bookstore operations. The fourth story will be rented, and the rents will be used as a Sinking Fund, so long as they may be needed, for paying off whatever indebtedness may remain upon the entire building when it is finished. How much this indebtedness will be is not yet precisely ascertained. The property at No. 821 Chestnut Street, formerly owned by the Board, has been sold for \$50,000 and the proceeds applied to the erection of the new house. This new Presbyterian Publication House, when finished, will greatly subserve not only the particular interests of the Board which has erected it, but all those of our great and growing denomination in the city and region in which it is located, and will furnish an agreeable headquarters and denominational home to all Presbyterians who may either reside in or occasionally visit the city of Philadelphia.

CHANGE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of this Board has heretofore begun annually with the first day of March. The last General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending "the several

Boards, excepting that of Foreign Missions, to close their fiscal year on the first day of April annually." (*Minutes of 1871, page 588.*) Compliance with this recommendation occasions this Board very considerable additional labor and embarrassment, nevertheless it has attempted respectfully to carry out the change recommended. Hence it happens that the period of time reviewed in this Report comprehends thirteen months. The arrangement of former years is still adhered to in this Report as being upon the whole the most convenient and most easily comprehended. The work of the Board is thus presented under the three heads of *production, distribution and sustentation.*

I. DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION.

Notwithstanding the many cares and the great disturbance incident to building and moving, the transferring of a heavy stock from place to place and the rearrangement of sheets, books, and stereotype plates, the Board is able to present evidences of activity in the production of *new publications* adapted to the wants of its large constituency. This will appear from the statistics of works issued during the year. Attention is also invited to the brief sketch of these works which follows the statistical statement.

During the period ending March 31st, 1872, the Board has published of new works:

	Copies.
31 bound volumes, of which there have been printed	40,000
1 12mo tract, " " " " "	6,250
11 18mo tracts, " " " " "	26,000
1 Package 12mo tracts, " " " " "	1,000
2 Sabbath-school requisites, " " " " "	6,000
2 Series of Westminster Lessons, " " " "	110,000
1 Teachers' Commentary, " " " "	1,000
Total,	190,250

The *reprints* of former publications during the
year have been, 821,850

Total number of publications during the year, 1,012,100

In addition to the above, there have been printed:

Of the Sabbath-School Visitor, . . .	2,175,000
Of the Presbyterian Monthly Record, . .	172,750
Of the Annual Report of the Board, . .	5,000
Of the Descriptive Catalogue, . . .	5,000
Of the Sabbath-school Catalogue, . . .	15,000

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

BOUND VOLUMES.

Catalogue
Number.

1107. *A Basket of Barley Loaves.* 16mo. Price 75 cents.

To those who crave more of Christ in the soul and in the daily life, to those who long for holiness and assurance, this "Basket of Barley Loaves" will bring welcome refreshment and nourishment. The devout, even though trembling, believer, who hungers after righteousness, will here find that which will kindle his affections, and lead him to the only satisfying source of love and peace, Jesus Christ. What of sweetness and strength there is in these meditations is due to God's word, of which they are full. Sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, more precious than silver or gold, was that word to the Psalmist; and thence these chapters draw their flavor and force. By them the weary, the needy, the longing, will be led nearer to Christ. This book has met already with great favor, and is evidently highly appreciated by the Christian public.

1108. *Life in Narrow Streets.* By Julia Carrie Thompson, author of "Aspenridge," &c. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. Price \$1 00.

In "Life in Narrow Streets," the reader will find a simply-told tale of life among the laboring class in our great cities. It is not an overdrawn sketch of imaginary beings, but a true story of actual characters in the city of Philadelphia. The central figure is a plain working girl, engaged in homely toil, yet living a Christian life, and radiating Christian influences all about her. The poor will here learn patience, industry, and trust, whilst the rich will be taught to sympathize with those less favored in worldly matters than themselves. All will perceive that there is full opportunity for doing good in every station in life.

1109. *The Theban Legion; a Story of the Times of Diocletian.* By the Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn, D.D. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. Price 90 cents.

To the series of volumes prepared for us by Professor Blackburn, to illustrate the Christianity of other days, we are happy to add "The The-

ban Legion." The story of this illustrious troop is made a thread upon which to run the leading facts in the last great persecution of the Church by heathen Rome. It also shows the numbers, condition, and location of Christian churches about the year of our Lord 300, as well as the nature of the trials to which the confessors of Christ were then subjected.

1110. *The Foundling, and Other Tales.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

The "Foundling of the Fens" is a tale of a little girl saved from drowning by a remarkable providence.

1111. *Jessie Wilson, and Other Tales.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

The chief story, that of Jessie Wilson, shows the danger of yielding to covetousness under the influence of bad company.

1112. *Hope Foster's Mistake, and Other Tales.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

Hope Foster's mistake is one into which many young ladies fall, who think that there is nothing for them to do in the world. Hope learned her error, and found that there was much for her to do.

1113. *The False Friendship.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

A collection of narratives for young readers.

The Board is indebted to the valuable publications of the *Religious Tract Society of London*, for a large part of the contents of the preceding four books.

1114. *Grace and Polly.* By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. 2 Illustrations. Price 30 cents.

A tale for young readers, showing a home with love in it, and a home with no love in it, and how love grows in the heart.

1115. *Bet and Bounce.* By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. 2 Illustrations. Price 30 cents.

A capital little book for little readers, about a fine cat and a fine dog, but with habits so bad that they lost a good home and came to grief in the end. The lessons of their misdeeds are happily used for the instruction of boys and girls.

1116. *Mary's New Friends.* By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. 2 Illustrations. Price 30 cents.

"Mary" is the "Polly" of "Grace and Polly," but with new friends and a new home, where she learns to overcome old habits of sin and to follow Christ. These are three good books by a deservedly favorite author.

1117. *Christ Liveth in Me.* By the Rev. William P. Breed, D.D. 16mo. Price 70 cents.

To the many Christian hearts that yearn for a higher Christian life, this little book will be welcome. It has been written by the author with the

conviction that the mass of professing Christians need to rise to a higher life, and that many hearts more or less vaguely long for it, and will thankfully accept any aid offered to point them to it and guide them to its attainment. Already has it proved helpful to such persons, and called forth their thanks.

1118. *Communion; a Treatise on Christian Fellowship with God and His Saints.* By the Rev. Loyal Young, D.D. 18mo. Price 30 cents.

This little volume is appropriately dedicated to "all those who long for more intimate communion with God and his people, and are in sympathy with that spirit of fellowship which is more and more pervading the Christian world."

1119. *Rathfelder's Hotel.* A story of the Cape of Good Hope. 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

This and the next volume are in part reprints of the excellent narratives of the periodicals of the *Religious Tract Society of London*.

1120. *Robbin the Runner.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

Tales for boys, that will do them good whilst interesting them.

1121. *Ella and Maggie; or, Working for Jesus.* By Lilian. 18mo. 2 Illustrations. Price 35 cents.

In "Ella and Maggie," we have a tale simple in plan and clear in style, not aiming at "sensationalism," but seeking pleasantly to show young Christians, especially girls, how they may work and witness for Christ. So natural and so common is the idea of *future* usefulness, that this lesson of *present* usefulness for the youngest of Christ's fold is one of great moment. To do good is here shown to be fully within the reach of those whose Christian as well as whose earthly life is in its spring time.

1122. *Boy Life.* 18mo. 3 Illustrations. Price 60 cents.

This collection of incidents from real life gives the boys suggestions that they will do well to heed, and instruction that they will do well to follow.

1123. *Immortality of the Soul, and Destiny of the Wicked.* By the Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., President of Westminster College. 18mo. Price 60 cents.

To meet the many calls for a reply to the arguments of *Annihilationists*, the Board requested Dr. Rice to prepare a small volume on the immortality of the soul. This he has done, and in a manner that will prove satisfactory to those who need such a book to present to a numerous class of errorists. In his preface the author says:

"The discussion of the subjects of the Immortality of the Soul and of the Destiny of the Wicked, might embrace a very wide range of argument, including extended philosophical investigation and much learned criticism of the original languages of the Scriptures. But the truth of these, like that of all other fundamental doctrines of Christianity, can be satisfactorily demonstrated by a shorter and simpler process. We have written, not with the hope of silencing quibblers or of convincing the prejudiced, but of satisfying sincere inquirers after truth. We have aimed to make the

discussion short, plain and convincing. How far we have succeeded, we must leave each reader to determine; but we can say truly, that, if the arguments employed are unsound, we are wholly unable to detect their unsoundness. We offer to our readers evidences on which our own Christian hopes rest."

The contents of the volume are, Statement of the Question; Preliminary Considerations; The Creation of Man; The Rational Argument; The Intermediate State; Opposing Arguments Considered; The Final Destiny of the Wicked.

1124. *The Great Revival of 1800.* By the Rev. William Speer, D.D. 12mo. Price 60 cents. In paper covers, 25 cents; ten copies for \$2 00.

This book contains a description of that glorious work of God's grace that marked the incoming of the present century. Dr. Speer has culled out from a great mass of materials the facts of greatest interest and value. He traces the Revival in all parts of our country, but gives most prominence to those in which the work was most powerful.

The objects in view in the publication of the book are, to inspire the churches to efforts for another "Great Revival," and to suggest the means necessary to the enjoyment of such plenteous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Its wide circulation cannot fail to stimulate piety and arouse effort. It is desired that persons who are looking with prayer for revivals of religion should secure the distribution of this book.

1125. *The Diamond in the Cage; or, Hours with the Children.* By the Rev. J. E. Rockwell, D.D. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. Price 90 cents.

This thoughtful and instructive volume is the result of many years' labor in behalf of children. Its author, as a pastor, has always endeavored to keep himself in communication with the youth of his flock, by visiting them in the Sabbath-school, and holding frequent Sabbath or weekly services with them and adapting his addresses to their capacities and wants. Many of the thoughts and illustrations of "The Diamond in the Cage," have thus been used in those pleasant *Hours with the Children*. They are now given through the press to a wider circle of young people.

1126. *Among the Lilies, and Elsewhere, with Jesus.* Pleasant talks with the young on passages of Scripture. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. By the Rev. Charles A. Smith, D.D. Price \$1 10.

Dr. Smith carries his readers among the lilies, to the birds, the vine, the field, and elsewhere, and holds pleasant converse with them whilst inculcating truths of high importance. By lively description and fresh illustration he renders his lessons pleasant as well as valuable.

1127. *A Summer by the Sea; or, Lilian Howard's Choice.* By the author of "Forgiveness," "Honor Bright," &c. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. Price \$1 10.

Its readers, while spending with Lilian Howard "A Summer by the Sea," will enjoy society refined, charming and elevating. They will find piety made attractive and lovable, and will learn that to do good to others is better than to live for self.

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1131. *Out of the Dark*: The Story of Alice Leith's Experience. By the author of "Harold," "Jennie Graham," &c. 16mo. 4 Illustrations. Price \$1 10.

A well delineated picture of the temptations of the young girl at home, and of the young man at college, bringing out the truth that God's grace is needful for the salvation of sinful beings.

1132. *Chinks of Clannysford*. By Kate W. Hamilton,
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A *Catalogue* of the *Sabbath-school Publications* of the Board has been issued during the year. This Catalogue shows how large a share of attention has been given by the Board to this important branch of its work for the Presbyterian Church. The Catalogue will be mailed without charge to any who desire to consult it.

APPROVED SABBATH-SCHOOL BOOKS.

To meet the very natural and proper desire of its constituency for suitable books not embraced in its own list, and to aid them in the laborious duty of selecting from the mass of juvenile books thrown upon the market, the Board is forming an approved list of Sabbath-school books of other publishers. The books of these publishers are put into the hands of judicious examiners, and the wheat separated from the chaff. The labor is great, but is divided, and thus rendered less burdensome to the readers. By this system the Board is able to supply guaranteed libraries of any size.

Discretionary orders may be sent, indicating the amount to be expended, and giving general directions as to the size and kind of books desired, and sending a list of books already in the library, that they may not be duplicated. Such orders will be filled with *sound, reliable and attractive* books, and any books sent on such orders, if found objectionable, *may be returned*, with a memorandum of the objections, *at the Board's expense*.

PUBLICATIONS OF OTHER HOUSES.

In addition to keeping an assortment of books from other publishing houses for the Sabbath-school Library, it is the purpose of the Board to have in its Retail Department all that our Sabbath-school workers will be likely to need for the fullest equipment of their schools. Maps, black-boards, officers' minute and record books, &c., &c., will here be found and furnished to the schools on liberal terms.

Further, to aid both ministers and people, especially those

residing away from the great centres, in procuring without needless trouble or expense books for personal, family and congregational use, there will be kept in the Board's sales-room, a judicious assortment of such publications. Bibles and Testaments, with prose and poetic versions of the Psalms, commentaries on the Scriptures, devotional and theological works of approved character, will be kept, so as to be readily ordered from a distance, or selected by those visiting the store. The new building erected by the Board, now approaching completion, affords full space for such arrangements, which will soon, we trust, both accommodate its widely scattered constituents and promote the usefulness and business success of the institution.

THE DIGEST.

The preparation of the Digest has been undertaken according to the directions of the last General Assembly, by the Rev. Wm. E. Moore, and is in such a state of forwardness as to give reasonable assurance of its completion by the meeting of the General Assembly in 1873.

THE SHORTER CATECHISM.

It having been found that in the different editions of *The Shorter Catechism* published by the Board, there were a few slight variations of wording, punctuation, and the use of capital and italic letters, (in no way affecting the doctrinal teachings of this compend of truth,) a careful comparison was made of these editions with each other, and with the oldest and most authentic copies of our Book accessible to the Board, or to those best informed in such matters. With the light thus received no difficulty was found in preparing a standard edition of the Shorter Catechism, together with the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. This edition, having met the unanimous approval of the Board, is presented to the Assembly, with a request that it be approved as the standard edition of our Church.

OUR BENEVOLENCES.

In accordance with the instructions of the last General Assembly, the Board has published under the title "*To What do Presbyterians Give?*" a neat 32mo. pamphlet giving a condensed statement of the aims, organization, officers and offices, of the Boards and Committees of the denomination. It will be sent gratuitously to any who ask for it, and will be found useful as a guide to Presbyterian givers.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH-SCHOOL VISITOR.

The Visitor, the popular Sabbath-school paper sent out by the Board, continues to find favor with our people, young and old. It is the aim of the Board to make it at once attractive and instructive—to gratify its many youthful readers, and also to give, with the pleasure imparted, solid scriptural teaching. The approbation which it receives not only from the young, but also from judicious teachers and pastors, is a source of much gratification to its publishers. A steady effort will be made to have it acknowledged to be what it is now pronounced by many, the *most desirable paper* for Sabbath-schools, for those of the Presbyterian Church at least. The circulation of the *Visitor* now is very large, but it will be much larger when it is taken by all the Sabbath-schools of our Church. The circulation during the year has been about 120,000 copies of the Monthly, and 58,000 copies of the Semi-monthly. In all, 2,175,000 copies.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MONTHLY RECORD.

This organ of the Assembly's Boards and Committees is published by the Board of Publication, but the *control of its own pages belongs entirely to each of the Boards and Committees represented*. Consultation has been had during the year, but no radical change in its arrangement has seemed to be at once desirable and practicable. The monthly circulation of this magazine has been about 13,500.

II. DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

I. THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The action of the last General Assembly in reference to a Sabbath-school Department appears to have been received with very general approbation in all parts of our Church. The Board has placed this matter in the hands of its Missionary Committee, which has given to it a large share of its attention during the past year.

In reference to this Department, the last Assembly unanimously adopted a Report, appended to which were the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Publication be instructed so to enlarge its arrangements as to make the Sabbath-school work a prominent and organic part of its operations.

Resolved 2. That the Board, so enlarged in the sphere of its operations, keep before it these three branches of Sabbath-school work.

“(A) To furnish a complete literature for Sabbath-schools—consisting of its own and other well-selected books for libraries, helps of all kinds for the study of the Scriptures and catechism, periodicals for teachers and scholars, and all other apparatus fitted to give efficiency to the work of teaching.

“(B) To establish such agencies as it may deem suitable for elevating the standard of teaching, and more thoroughly developing the great idea of Sabbath-schools—that of imparting the knowledge of God to the young, and drawing them to the salvation of Christ.

“(C) In appointing colporteurs, as far as possible to select such persons as may also be suitable for Sabbath-school missionaries, and instruct them to establish Sabbath-schools in destitute localities, under the supervision of the Presbyteries.

Resolved, 3. That the churches be urged to contribute more largely to the Missionary Fund of this Board, to meet the increased expense which the working of this branch of its operations will demand.”

The same report contains also the following paragraph:

“For the highest efficiency and success, it will become advisa-

ble to have a *General Superintendent of Sabbath-school work*, to devote his whole energies to the promotion of its interests. He could be a medium of communication concerning all that would promote the welfare of the cause. Himself thoroughly abreast of the times in all the healthful improvements in the work of Sabbath-schools, he could circulate the knowledge of them through all our churches, and by visiting Synods, Presbyteries, and congregations, and assisting at Sabbath-school meetings in connection with these bodies, he could impart information, stimulate interest, and excite liberality that would be felt throughout all our bounds."

After a prolonged and earnest search for a person well qualified to perform these services, the Board elected Mr. J. Bennet Tyler to fill the position above described. Mr. Tyler has for some time past been the District Secretary of the American Sunday-school Union for the City and State of New York, where his labors have been attended with marked acceptance and success. He is a ruling elder in the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, in the city of New York, and has been earnestly recommended to the Board of Publication by many prominent pastors and other Sabbath-school workers in that city and elsewhere. He accepted the position offered him; and entered upon the performance of his new duties on the first day of January last.

Sufficient progress has not yet been made in the brief time since Mr. Tyler entered upon this work, to enable the Board to report very much. He has visited various cities and held conferences with Sabbath-school Superintendents, has addressed a number of schools and public meetings, and has everywhere been well received. So far as we can yet judge, the prospects of wide usefulness before himself and this new Department of the Board's work are excellent.

THE NEED OF A SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

We recognize the wisdom of the Assembly in the inauguration of this Department. The Sabbath-school has come to represent very largely the idea of the religious training

of the children. In its true intent it should aim to secure thorough Bible instruction in the school, and to supplement home and pastoral training. Involving as its does, the highest welfare of so many children and youth, it may be said to underlie all other departments of Christian work. We have here the future of the Church in embryo. The boy of to-day is the man of to-morrow. In our Sabbath classes are the Christian men and women, the missionaries, the teachers and the preachers who will speedily come after us. A majority of our converts come from these classes, and our numbers must be recruited, with here and there an exception, from among the ranks of the young. Efficiency and solid excellence in the school will prove the source of new life in all the avenues of Christian activity. Concentration of purpose and unity of action are essential to the highest success; and organized action is indispensable to real unity. It is no doubt highly important that the Church should take responsible charge of Missions, of Publication, of the Education and Sustentation of the ministry; not less, we are sure, should it take official cognizance of those primary schools of the Church where the mass of her children receive, for better or worse, their early religious training, and their deepest and most lasting impressions. The management of these schools, their proper pastoral and sessional supervision, their spiritual tone, the books the young people read, the character, competency and proper training of the teachers, involve problems than which it is difficult to conceive of any of greater magnitude.

WHAT IS PROPER TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

It is important at the outset to secure, as far as practicable, unity of action over the whole field of Sabbath-school interests. Unity once secured, success becomes no hard matter.

We desire to bring our schools into closer and more intimate relations with the Church and the pastor. These schools comprise an integral part of the Church and its most hopeful and promising field of labor, and, as such,

should be under the most careful yet delicate pastoral and sessional supervision,—a supervision much more thorough and extended than now exists. We need better teachers, and in much greater numbers.

We need more thorough Bible and catechetical instruction in the school and the family. We need a revival of interest in the school on the part of parents and the individual members of the Church.

We need a higher and purer tone of public sentiment touching the mutual relations of Church, and home, and school, concerning higher standards of teaching; and especially with regard to a healthy and substantial literature for teachers as well as children.

Above all do we most imperatively need a more advanced spirituality and increased attention to the very early conversion and constant Christian culture of the children.

SABBATH-SCHOOL EXTENSION.

We are greatly desirous to give wider facilities for the prosecution of Sabbath-school mission work. The school is a most valuable and important missionary agency, especially on the frontier and in sparsely settled districts. Our Presbyteries now include this immense and sparse population. Some itinerant agency that shall reach the neglected children of the outlying settlements is necessary and indispensable to the efficient prosecution of home evangelization.

The Board wishes, as far as means may be furnished by our churches and schools, to employ colporteurs who shall be competent to organize new schools and aid feeble ones, wherever they can be made permanent and likely to become self-sustaining feeders of our existing churches, or germs of future churches. Hence the Board has recently incorporated the following among the "Instructions" given to all its colporteurs:

"Endeavor earnestly to visit every Presbyterian Sabbath-school within your field of labor, and acquaint yourself, so far as you

can, with the superintendent, teachers, and other active friends of the school.

“Be continually on the lookout for ‘destitute localities,’ where Sabbath-schools may be established, and when they are found, you are to spare no pains ‘under the supervision of the Presbytery’ or its Publication Committee, to effect an organization and start the school with the best possible arrangements for permanent success and usefulness.

“Report quarterly to the Superintendent of Colportage the number of Sabbath-schools you visit, and the number you have established in destitute localities.”

Nothing can be more appropriate than to educate and encourage our Sabbath-schools to contribute regularly to this object. As the Board, under the directions of the last General Assembly, has now fully organized a *Sabbath-school Department*, it earnestly solicits the kindly coöperation of the Presbyteries in that important work, and requests every Presbytery *so to enlarge the functions of its Presbyterial Publication Committee as to comprehend all duties having reference to Sabbath-school work* within the bounds of the Presbytery.

THE METHODS PROPOSED.

It is not the part of wisdom to multiply organizations. Rather would we utilize the very excellent machinery our Church already has in operation.

We hope to enlist such Presbyterial action as will secure for these vital questions concerning the highest welfare of our children, such regular and thorough attention as their great importance demands. Why may not each Presbytery have a Sabbath-school meeting at each annual meeting of Presbytery, for the discussion of particular questions by their best men? Why leave these most important matters to outside and irresponsible organizations?

The Superintendent of Sabbath-school work will endeavor, by personal attention to all matters pertaining to the interests of this new Department, by frequently visiting schools and churches, Presbyteries and Synods, and through the

aid and coöperation of pastors and churches, to secure greatly increased attention to the proper training and culture of the children, and to aid in elevating, enlarging and energizing the whole aim and scope of Sabbath-school work. The Board would earnestly bespeak for him the cordial coöperation of pastors and all others interested in the great and important work to which he has set his hand.

II. SALES IN THE DEPOSITORY.

As has been already remarked, the process of rebuilding and the lack of suitable and attractive store-rooms have hindered the Board's sales, especially its retail sales, from reaching, during the past year, that figure to which they would otherwise have attained. As soon as the new house is finished, arrangements will be made for keeping a fuller and more attractive assortment of books and other religious publications, and for conducting the business under regulations so liberal as cannot fail greatly to increase its retail trade.

The Business Committee of the Board is carefully revising the former plans for distributing its publications over the land through sales to booksellers, and will spare no reasonable efforts to secure such arrangements with leading booksellers in the principal cities of the Union, as will secure access to a complete assortment of its publications to the inhabitants of those cities and the adjacent sections of the country. It is the earnest desire of the Board to bring all these valuable works within easy reach of all the membership of the Presbyterian Church, and, so far as it can be done safely, in a business point of view, within easy reach of the whole population of the country. Such arrangements have just been made in New York, Boston, and Pittsburgh, and negotiations are going forward with the design to accomplish the same in other cities.

III. DISTRIBUTIONS THROUGH COLPORTAGE AND DONATIONS.

This part of the Board's work is carried forward and sustained by its *Missionary Fund*, which is wholly dependent for supplies upon the contributions of our churches and Sabbath-schools, and upon such gifts and legacies as may be bestowed upon it by God's people. By direction of former General Assemblies, and by the recommendation of the Assembly's present Committee of Benevolence and Finance, an Annual Collection is to be taken for this Fund in all our churches and Sabbath-schools, as far as practicable in the month of May and on the first Sabbath therein. Money thus contributed is wholly and sacredly devoted to the benevolent work of the Board, and is used in paying the salaries and expenses of colporteurs and the cost of the books and tracts gratuitously distributed by them, the cost of books and tracts granted by the Board's Missionary Committee to the various classes of applicants, and the expenses of the new Sabbath-school Department.

COLPORTAGE.

The last General Assembly, with great unanimity, adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be recommended to prosecute with increased energy the work of distribution by an efficient and economical system of colportage, under the direction of the several Presbyteries."

These directions the Board has endeavored faithfully to obey, and can now confidently report that its colportage work was never in so efficient and useful a condition as it is at present, or had so bright and clear a prospect for extension and increased usefulness in the future.

During the period now under review 156 colporteurs have been in commission for either the whole or a portion of the year, and have labored in 20 States and Territories of the Union, in the dominion of Canada, and in Brazil. Taken by ecclesiastical limits, they have been

commissioned for fields in 33 of the 35 Synods connected with our General Assembly, and for 98 of our 167 Presbyteries. In every case the persons commissioned during the past year have been recommended to the Board by the Presbytery within whose bounds he was to labor, or by its Presbyterial Publication Committee acting in its name and by its authority. They also labor under the watch and care of these Presbyterial Committees, and should they in any case be reported by the Committees as unfaithful or inefficient, their commissions and stock would be at once withdrawn. This puts the entire control of these colporteurs where it unquestionably ought to be, and where the Board heartily desires it to be, in the hands of the Presbyteries within whose bounds they labor. It is the wish of the Board, and will be its endeavor to have and sustain at least one well qualified colporteur in each Presbytery which expresses to the Board a desire for the services of such a laborer.

Of the 156 colporteurs in commission within the year, 126 have reported, and a condensed statement in regard to their work may be found in the colportage tables appended to this Report. The remainder have either been so recently commissioned that no report is yet due from them, or they have failed to report through accident or neglect. The tables above referred to show that 60,029 volumes were sold by colporteurs, that 71,864 volumes were given away by them and by the Missionary Committee, that 3,598,331 pages of tracts were gratuitously distributed, and that 116,235 families were visited, of which by far the larger portion were conversed and prayed with. The amount of good accomplished by this work eternity alone can reveal. To scatter in the homes of those remote from a preached gospel, or among the sons and daughters of want, or to place in the hands of the thoughtless man or the infidel, good religious books and tracts to the extent above mentioned, is most certainly a great and good work, worthy the efforts of a noble Church like ours, and deserving the coöperation of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and the souls of their fellow-men. The

results of such work are less likely to be seen and noted in this than in almost any other department of Christian usefulness. The colporteur distributes his books and tracts, utters his words of expostulation and entreaty, lifts his prayer for the divine blessing, and then passes to scatter elsewhere other seeds of truth. Of what follows, he ordinarily knows nothing. But the great day will reveal it. Then many a colporteur who sowed his seed in weariness and discouragement, will come again with joy, bringing heavy and noble sheaves. Yet even here many tokens of the divine blessing may be discovered if we look carefully, to cheer and encourage those who are laboring in this good work.

GRANTS VOTED BY THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

That branch of the Board's operations which consists in making grants in response to the many varied and urgent appeals constantly coming to it, is becoming more and more extended and important. It evidently meets a great and pressing want of our mission churches, our feeblener Sabbath-schools, especially on the frontiers, and our needy missionaries and pastors. This aid is more and more widely sought, and is more and more thoroughly appreciated. And wherever there is satisfactory evidence that the case is one deserving aid, the Board stands ready, from its Missionary Fund, gladly to give such help to the outer limit of the means placed at its disposal for this use.

Within the term now under review, the Board, by its Missionary Committee, has made 578 grants, amounting to \$14,764 87. These grants have been sent to applicants in 36 different States and Territories of our Union, and 17 of them to foreign lands, viz: to Persia, Liberia, India, China, Greece, Brazil and Mexico. Of these the largest number, 227, were voted to needy and mission Sabbath-schools; the next number, 161, to pastors and others for gratuitous distribution in their several vicinities; the next, 59, to needy ministers and missionaries for their own use; 45 were gifts to mission churches mainly in our western

States and Territories; 42 were sent under the request or approval of the Freedmen's Committee to Freedmen's churches and schools, and the remainder were given to Foreign Mission stations, to humane and charitable institutions, to soldiers and sailors, and other miscellaneous objects. In all this the Board has been acting in careful obedience to the instructions given it by the General Assembly of 1870, which recommended "that these gifts be continued and *increased*." Gladly would it enlarge this branch of its work far beyond its present limits, so as to cheer and encourage the heart of every toiling missionary and Sabbath-school worker in the waste places of our whole Zion, wherever our books and tracts are needed, and where there is no money to purchase. Let *all* our churches which are able to contribute to our Missionary Fund, begin to do so, and this Board will by this agency scatter untold and priceless treasures of printed gospel truth over our whole land.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE FIELD.

In order that it may be seen that these views are not mere theories, we ask attention to the following extracts from letters received from widely separated portions of the great field, and from persons of very different classes and conditions. These extracts might be greatly extended were it necessary to do so. Enough are given to illustrate by facts the usefulness of this part of the Board's work, and the delight with which its publications are received by the needy and the destitute in every part of the land. And first let us present a few incidents relating to the regular work of *Colportage*.

Colportage and Revivals.

Many a pastor has found, by a blessed experience, that the distribution of religious books and tracts among his people tends to warm their hearts and stir up their graces, as well as to lead sinners to the cross of Christ. A colporteur writing from Northern New York says:

"I have not yet been in the service of the Board quite six

months, but have distributed a large number of volumes, besides about 14,000 pages of tracts. I have visited upwards of 1700 families, and in about two-thirds of these have held religious conversation and prayer, besides speaking words for the Master at prayer-meetings, in Sabbath-schools, and to many strangers by the wayside. What the result of all this may be, is known only to God. The judgment-day alone can reveal the blessings flowing from colportage labor.

"The Presbyterian church at H——, when I visited it last summer, was very weak, and the state of piety very low. I have been most happily surprised on recently visiting the church again, to find an altogether different state of affairs. The house of God was filled from evening to evening. Professing Christians had been made spiritually alive, and even persons who had long hardened their hearts were melted into penitence, and were inquiring, like the Philippian jailor of old, 'What must we do to be saved?' Upwards of twenty had then been hopefully converted, and the good work of grace was still going on. I inquired of the pastor what special means had been used in bringing about this revival. He answered, that so far as any instrumentality was concerned, it *was chiefly due to a donation of books and tracts received last spring from the Board of Publication*. These, he said, he had scattered from time to time throughout the bounds of his congregation, with the prayer that God would bless them to the good of souls, and God had answered his prayer."

Will not many other ministers follow the example of this good pastor at H——, and secure the same precious results?

Errors and Ignorance.

A colporteur who has labored during the past summer in Southern Illinois—a dark section familiarly known as "Egypt"—writes as follows, when sending his report:

"I have had about the same difficulties, perhaps, that other colporteurs have, and also, I hope, the same blessings. The weather was very hot and dusty the greater portion of the time, so that it was not only *hard*, but *unhealthy* work. I have visited people as I came to them, regardless of denomination or race. Usually, I and the books were well received. Sometimes I met with men and women who were bitterly opposed to Christianity. Many of them had a great hatred towards Calvinism, denouncing

it as 'ruinous,' 'hellish,' and the like. In every case I defended Christianity and the doctrines of our Church as well as I could, though I sometimes found it better to maintain a perfect silence. Sometimes I met people who were very ignorant of Christianity, the doctrines of our Church, and of everything else. I found numbers of men and women who had never prayed. Others had heard of the Presbyterian Church, but had an idea that it taught that a part of the human family are predestinated to eternal life, and the remainder to eternal damnation, do what they would to escape it. The doctrine of infant damnation was also imputed to us in strong terms. These errors I tried to expose. People were found in almost every community, who were unable to read or write.

"An old man contended that men are nothing but brutes. His reply to my argument in favor of Christianity was, 'You have more *larnin* than I have, and can talk faster.' I gave him a book and some tracts, and left him in a better frame of mind than when I found him. *I found seven hundred and fifty-three families entirely destitute of religious books.* Presbyterian families were visited whenever I heard of them. On one occasion I met an old Scotch lady who immediately called for the *Confession of Faith*. She had not seen one for several years, and her joy knew no bounds when her daughter bought one for her."

In Kentucky.

The work of colportage addresses itself to the poor and comfortless, the suffering and the destitute, the aged and afflicted—to those who have none to look after their souls, and who, through infirmity and poverty, are not able to reach the ordinary means of grace. To such it comes with bright and cheering words. Many a sinner is reached through this instrumentality who would be utterly neglected but for this mode of bringing men in contact with the truth. The future alone will reveal the wonders which God has wrought through this efficient method of doing good. In proof of this, let some extracts from a colporteur's diary be presented:

"Visited all day—gave tracts freely. One gray-headed sinner promised to read the tract, '*Christ's Gracious Invitation*.' Gave

'*Comfort to Afflicted Youth*' to a poor and afflicted young man who was wicked. He seemed thankful, as most persons do, who receive books or tracts from me. Gave '*The Sin and Danger of Neglecting the Saviour*' to an aged widow who was a 'sinner,' and '*The Warning Cry*' to a distiller.

"After riding four days in a destitute and wicked community and selling nothing, but giving freely and conversing with the families about their souls' salvation, sold at length one dollar and fifty cents worth. Often cannot get my horse fed, owing to the destitution. Meet with much poverty and suffering. Gave a tract '*How to Bring Up Children*' to a gray-headed man, who said he needed that tract, for he knew he was not bringing up his children right. Sold several volumes to persons who had no money, for socks, sometimes knit by poor females who have a hard way of getting along."

After such a record, so simple yet so suggestive, who can doubt the crying necessity for the work of colportage? And who that has a heart to pity the woes and sorrows of his fellow-men can withhold the pittance that this work requires in order to advance the spiritual welfare of his race?

Here are persons in a poor and destitute part of the country with none, almost literally none, but the colporteur to see after their spiritual needs; and if the Church withholds her hand from this work, who then will go to look after these straying sheep in the wilderness, upon the mountains of sin and danger?

We need much more of this sort of effort in Kentucky and Tennessee than we have been able to employ. Will not those who have been blessed with abundant means listen to this wail of the destitute? We have drawn no fancy picture. Would to God there was less of truth and literality to it! It comes from the portfolio of a man on the ground, who has seen what he writes, and deeply feels the importance of his work.

Colportage following Conflagration.

Every one remembers how fearful were the ravages of fire in portions of the North-west in October last. Not

long afterward a letter was received from a devoted brother residing in the vicinity of one of the desolated districts of *Wisconsin*, from which the following is taken :

“I write you on behalf of God’s suffering poor. We have in this vicinity a community of between two and three thousand persons, stripped of all their property, their comfortable homes and everything they had in them, by the conflagration of October. These people are without books, either bad or good. And now is a favorable time to supply them with the choice literature issued by your Board. If we wait a little time the enemy will sow tares where the wheat ought to grow. These people, however, are too poor to buy books. They are, and for months to come will be dependent upon public charity for their daily bread and all their comforts. Under these circumstances books must be *given* to them, if they are to have any. I think the Lord has, by his late mysterious and dreadful providence, prepared the way for this people to profit by such reading. If the Board will furnish the books, I will see that they are judiciously distributed should they be committed to my care.”

The Board at once responded to this appeal by appointing this good brother to act as its voluntary colporteur, and sent him a generous supply of suitable publications, which he has since been engaged in distributing among the sufferers referred to. We must hope and expect that great good will flow from his Christ-like exertions.

Fruits of Colportage in Kentucky.

A colporteur of the Board of Publication went to a town in Kentucky a few months ago. He found the Sabbath-school in a declining condition. Very little interest was taken in it by the people, and it was even somewhat neglected by the church. The superintendent and teachers, who had felt despondent over the state of the school, determined to make another effort to revive it. The superintendent and the colporteur set to work together to procure the means for its resuscitation. A handsome sum was finally collected for the purchase of library books and requisites, including the “*Westminster Lessons*.” These

were immediately procured from the Board of Publication. The Sabbath-school became at once a point of great interest and attraction, and this interest and renewed life soon extended thence to the church. Now mark what followed. Under the faithful ministrations of God's servants, *fifty persons* soon afterwards stood around the pulpit and took the vows of God upon them. Many of these were heads of families, and that church, from a condition of comparative weakness, at once assumed a position of strength and influence. This, under God, may be traced to the visit of the colporteur to that town and his labors there, as one of the leading causes.

Colportage in Kansas.

The Chairman of a Presbyterial Publication Committee in Kansas, when asking for the renewal of a colporteur's commission for his Presbytery, gives this interesting incident in the past labors of that colporteur :

"In one case which has come to my personal knowledge, a glorious result of his labor has appeared. A physician, greatly esteemed and of very wide influence, has been hopefully converted by the reading of books purchased by his wife from our colporteur. One of these books was Dr. Alexander's '*Thoughts on Religious Experience.*'"

When such incidents are reported to us frequently by our colporteurs from every part of the country, will any one deny the inestimable value of this agency for the dissemination of the truth?

Great Good done at Small Cost.

One of our most energetic and judicious ministers in Michigan, laboring in a sparsely settled portion of that State, obtained from the Board a grant of its publications for gratuitous distribution in his field of labor. After using them in this way for a time, he writes :

"I write to acknowledge the receipt of the tracts, books and pamphlets sent me as a donation by the Board for distribution. I have already distributed some, and shall find abundant use for

all of them. I am greatly pleased with them, and think them well adapted to make a most salutary impression on our congregations and communities. The Germans seem highly pleased with the attention and care which brings them religious reading in their own tongue. The *Sabbath-school Visitor* I regard as superior as a Sabbath-school paper to any I am acquainted with. The tone and weight of its articles are excellent. I do not know any department of our benevolent Church work that I consider as productive of good in proportion to cost as the Board of Publication and its agency of colportage."

A Tennessee Incident.

"While pursuing my accustomed work of colportage during the last spring," writes one of the Board's colporteurs in *Tennessee*, "I made the acquaintance of a very kind and estimable Baptist family. To show my appreciation of their kindness and hospitality, on arriving at home I sent that little book, '*Twyman Hogue*,' published by the Board of Publication, which I knew had been the means of doing much good, especially among the young. The eldest daughter of this family, in which were three daughters, an intelligent young lady of eighteen or nineteen summers, was seemingly careless upon the subject of religion, and rather gay and thoughtless than otherwise—one that you would have thought, from her whole mien, determined to be in no hurry about a preparation for another world. You may imagine my pleasure and delight when, on revisiting this same family after the intervention of a few months, I found her a deeply thoughtful person. Her whole manner was changed, and she showed the greatest interest and earnestness upon the subject of religion. She had read and re-read *the little book*, had become impressed, awakened, convicted, converted. She had gone through the whole process of a religious experience, and seemed by her entire manner and words to say, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' I was delighted and encouraged. I felt, if these be thy rewards, O colportage, blessed is the colporteur and his humble work!

"She expected, soon after I left her, to connect herself with the church. I could not but feel, too, that if the colporteur could go back over the field he has cultivated he would often be cheered by instances of this kind. But he rarely does this. He goes forth sowing precious seed, not knowing whether this or that

shall prosper, or whether both alike shall be good; but leaving all to be manifested in the great day, when every heart shall be revealed under the light of that eternity that shows every man's work of what character it is."

Thanks from an "almost Bookless Missionary."

An excellent missionary brother in *Iowa* received for his own use a donation in books and tracts, which he thus acknowledges:

"I have just received the invaluable package containing three thousand pages of tracts for distribution, and also, what calls for my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our Publication Board, a number of standard books for my own library. To me what a treat are these fair and beautiful books! You cannot imagine the satisfaction I am having in looking over my new treasure. I hereby wish to express my thankful acknowledgments for this well-selected donation, meeting so admirably not a few of the wants of an almost bookless missionary. Our Board of Publication is doing a most invaluable work in publishing and spreading everywhere their beautiful imprints, containing in the most attractive form the soundest teaching for our people. Truly the importance of its publications cannot be over-estimated. Then how important that the funds of this Board of our Church should receive the liberal contributions of all our people, that it may not be hindered in the efforts to send its issues far and wide."

The Board takes great pleasure in giving of its publications to those missionary brethren who are toiling in the hard places of the field, without any pecuniary ability to supply themselves with the books needed as intellectual aliment. Many such, like the excellent brother in *Iowa*, above quoted, have been thus helped during the past year.

GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTIONS.

The Catalogue of the Board presents an admirable variety of tracts and other small and cheap publications for gratuitous distribution. There are tracts doctrinal and practical, hortatory and awakening, suited to all classes and conditions of readers. Any pastor or other person who makes himself tolerably familiar with these, will have an armory

close by from which he may draw weapons offensive or defensive, to suit the ever-varying phases of his work as a soldier of the cross. The Board rejoices to find an increasing number of pastors and others coming to it year by year, to solicit supplies of these weapons of truth to aid them in their noble work of attacking the strongholds of Satan, and extending the triumphs of Immanuel. Let us hear what a few of those who have tried these weapons have to say about them.

A Home Missionary's Estimate.

A Home Missionary in *Kansas*, who had himself been a colporteur of the Board for some time, and who had been freely distributing the Board's tracts among the people of his two churches, writes that there is now a precious revival, and adds:

"O that I could have all the books and tracts I need here! *The tracts I had, have been one of the most important means in the hand of God of bringing about this blessed revival.* Now I need very much some small works to put into the hands of young converts."

From another Kansas Missionary.

Another Home Missionary in *Kansas*, who had received a donation of tracts and small volumes for gratuitous distribution says:

"Let me thank you for the tracts. The '*Anxious Inquirer*' came just in time to be put into the hands of one who was saying, 'What must I do to be saved?' '*Kirwan's Letters*' seemed to be sent by a special providence for one who was raised in the Roman Catholic Church, and had just married a young lady who expects to unite with our church. I have distributed about six thousand pages of the Board's tracts since last summer, and feel that if we had received nothing but these from the Board we should be under lasting obligations to it. Upon receiving these favors I was reminded of the language of our Saviour: 'Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.' We are truly grateful for these liberal favors, and I trust will hereafter remember the Board in a substantial manner."

Hungry for Books.

From a worker in *Missouri* comes the following:

"The nice books, so well selected and expressed to me, reached me in good order and in good time. We are ever so much obliged. The books still remain in our family, and seem to be like the ark of God in the house of Obed-edom. Not having seen any of our good publications for so long a time, we were ourselves hungry. And finding ourselves in such good pasture, we fell to eating. A little niece of ours, who is living with us, has read them nearly all. And you ought to see the delight of our babies with the pictures. Will not God bless them even in the sight of these good books?

"What a blessing it would be in these waste places, if you could scatter hundreds and thousands more of these books. It would make these deserts rejoice and blossom as the rose. When will the Church be rich enough to supply every one of her missionaries with her new publications? It would certainly be a grand work were she able to do it.

"No money in this world was ever better invested than that invested in that package of books you have sent me. Only think of it! It may result in the salvation of a whole Sabbath-school. For this we will pray the great Head of the Church, and you know no word of his is ever to return to him void.

"And thus, too, by my asking and receiving, and your sending, and all uniting in praying, and the Lord of glory sending his Holy Spirit, we are all co-workers together in this great business of redemption. And thus uniting, what blows do we give to the powers of darkness? If we faint not, but go forward in this good work, the kingdom will be ours in the end. Satan's kingdom must fall in ruins."

A New Start Given.

One of our energetic Western men, who has been laboring from his central post in Illinois in the regions round about, made an earnest request for aid from the Board of Publication. A package of books and tracts was sent to him, including Hymn Books. His reply shows how valuable is the aid thus rendered by our press. He says:

"You can have but little idea of the great benefit you have

conferred upon us. If you never worshipped in a congregation when the only hymn books present were the minister's and one or two others at most, and heard the minister *line* the hymns, and then passed from that state of affairs to see two dozen hymn books in the hands of the congregation, you can look this way. We *sing* now, and such singing would not disgrace an Eastern congregation. The people could hardly contain themselves when I presented the books.

"How beautiful, how appropriate, were the other books in the package! Many of them highly useful to the pastor himself, and then the little books for the children of my parish—what an influence they are exerting among the children of the Sabbath-school. Receive my thanks, and the thanks of the people for your great kindness. We trust to profit by the donation. It has had the tendency to start us anew in the great work before us."

Harbingers of Good.

A zealous Presbyterian lady, living in a new village in *Nebraska*, far removed from any Presbyterian church, and where religious privileges were very few, obtained from the Board a grant of its publications for use among the people of the vicinity. On receiving the package, she thus wrote back:

"Your most generous and eagerly welcomed package of books, tracts and *Sabbath-school Visitors* came last evening. They will be worth their weight in gold to us, and now lie before me, harbingers of good, I trust, to this place. Very many of the tracts you sent are just what I wanted to give to acquaintances here. Already three packages, culled from among them during the morning, have been sent where I know they will be read. The tract '*Rice on Campbellism*,' is greatly needed here to inform minds ignorant on that subject, and hence liable to attacks they cannot ward off. The *Sabbath-school Visitors* are very acceptable, the copies of '*Children's Praise*' also; indeed, *everything* is received with many thanks.

"It encourages us to find a bond of sympathy between us few away out here on the borders of civilization, and our brethren of the East. I have many opportunities to send to far-away districts in Kansas and Colorado, by traders and buffalo hunters. Some of these tracts shall go there."

A Striking Conversion.

The following is from a brother in *California*:

“The following touching incident came under the notice of the writer whilst pastor of a missionary church in California. At my Wednesday evening meeting, I noticed an uncouth-looking individual in the congregation, who seemed to be deeply affected. For several succeeding weeks he continued to attend, and in response to a general invitation given to any who might desire to say a word, he arose and said :

“‘I have not attended church or heard a sermon for thirteen years, until within a few weeks. My children have been attending Sabbath-school, and they brought home a little book published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, and it led me to think of the interests of my soul and attend church. I thank God that I am permitted to testify that I have found the Saviour.’

“As he spoke, the tears trickled down his cheeks, whilst a sweet smile lighted his countenance. The next day I visited his cabin. It was an humble tenement with an earthen floor. I found him sitting by his wife’s shoulder, poring over the pages of the Bible. They were both in tears. Having himself found the Saviour, he was trying to lead his wife to him. I prayed and conversed with them. A short time after, I had the pleasure of receiving both into the church on the profession of their faith.

“A few Sabbaths after this I presented the cause of the Board of Publication to my people, and after service the man hung about me, and walked home with me, indicating, by his actions, that he desired to say something to me, but was diffident about mentioning it. I asked him to walk into the study. He walked across the floor two or three times, and then, standing before me, said :

“‘Mr. ———, when you were talking about the Board of Publication, I felt as though I could not sleep unless I gave something. You know the people here raised a purse to help me, and I was afraid to give anything for fear they would think I had no right to give, when I was myself an object of charity; but I cannot rest if I do not. *It was a little book of the Board that led to my conversion.* I hope you will not tell any one, but I want you to take this.’

“He put his hand in his pocket, and as the tears rolled down his face, handed me a smooth quarter, that had been rolled up in

a piece of cloth. O! I could not help feeling that this mite was more valuable in the sight of the Lord than the thousands of some who give of their abundance."

Value of a Tract.

Who can estimate the value of a little tract? How many a one has been blessed to the saving of a soul! Every now and then a letter received at the rooms of the Board of Publication contains an incident like the following, which shows that the Holy Spirit accompanies and blesses the publications that thence go out over the land. It is from a pastor in *Illinois*.

"The donation of books to our needy Sabbath-school has been received, and gives great pleasure to our little folks. It is a good while since they have had a new library, and they appreciate this gift. A good deacon remarked last night, how very interesting even the smallest books were. I pray that these books may accomplish, severally, the good one tract, of the many you gave us during our revival last winter, did for the soul of a lady of our town. One of our elders asked for some of the smaller ones and placed them on his show-case. The lady mentioned picked up one, took it home, and read it, *and God blessed it to the salvation of her soul*. A minister once remarked that one soul saved was sufficient reward for thirty years' labor. But here a few pages with their noiseless voice send a soul rejoicing heavenward in a few hours. I know many other blessings are yet to flow from the tracts distributed. I found them invaluable in my pastoral work. I pray God to bless both you and the Board! We'll share the light that this 'star' gives together in its eternal shining."

Our Tracts a Great Help.

A Western Missionary who had received from the Board a donation of tracts for gratuitous distribution, thus writes:

"Very many thanks for the tracts. I have begun the distribution of them, and I know that they have done good already. *I find them a great help*, especially in a large field where pastoral labors must be so widely distributed. May God bless the Board's work of love."

Frontiers-men anxious for Reading.

A zealous lay brother in *Nebraska*, having received a grant of tracts, expresses his appreciation of them as follows:

"The generous grant of tracts made by the Board of Publication was received at just the right time, and went on their mission immediately. The 'annihilationists' were at work in our neighborhood. Some of the tracts had a direct bearing on their views, and have had a good effect on some persons already. The selections sent were excellent, and are being read by many over a large extent of country. Many through them become acquainted with saving truth, and also with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. Many of the settlers are very poor, and have not much reading matter. By these tracts they are reached, and, let us hope, blessed. *Our settlers on the frontier are more anxious for such reading than is generally supposed.*"

HELPING THE FREEDMEN.

By direction of former General Assemblies the Board has always stood ready to send its publications freely to the Freedmen. A large number of such grants have been made this year. Indeed, the Board has in every instance sent its books and tracts wherever and whenever the Freedmen's Committee at Pittsburgh has expressed a desire to have them go. And few of their readers have had a warmer appreciation of these publications, or have expressed a more heartfelt gratitude for them than these liberated people struggling out of the darkness of ignorance into the blessed light of knowledge. We give two or three brief evidences of this.

From Tennessee.

A laborer among the Freedmen in *Tennessee*, acknowledging a grant of books and papers from the Board of Publication, says:

"The Sabbath-school books for our colored school at Wells Station came duly to hand, and afforded our people very great satisfaction. One good elder says, 'Tell de brudder we jis hand

dat case ober to de Lord; *he please jis go dar, and get his pay.*'

"Our work among the Freedmen goes on slowly, but hopefully. The Church must not get weary of sustaining us because we cannot report great results, revivals, &c. The whole foundation has to be laid for the building up of an evangelical work among this people, and it will be slow. 'Tis a sad error to suppose the negroes are any more hopeful or anxious for religious improvement than any other class. They have precisely all the characteristics of depravity—nothing more, nothing less—and there is no royal or patent road or invention for elevating or converting men, but the old one—sovereign grace."

Visitors among the Freedmen.

By request, a package of *Sabbath-school Visitors* was sent to the teacher of a Freedmen's school in *Texas*, and elicited the following thanks:

"I was greatly pleased, on going to the post-office this morning, to find a whole armful of *Sabbath-School Visitors* awaiting me. They are a real God-send to us among all our discouragements. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the papers, and all the children say Amen."

Publications adapted to the Freedmen.

A ministerial brother, who has been preaching in *Texas*, and at the same time laboring assiduously for the religious improvement of the Freedmen in that State, solicited and obtained a grant of the smaller publications of the Board for use among them. He afterwards wrote:

"Accept my thanks for your kind and prompt relief of our wants. The colored people appreciate these publications most highly, and are most grateful for them. All you sent are well adapted to our purposes. I feel confident that by the blessing of God they will greatly facilitate and forward our efforts on behalf of the Freedmen. Last Sabbath I exhibited to the colored Sabbath-school the publications you had sent for them, and it would have done you good to see how gratified they were, and how your gift seemed to stimulate those who cannot read, to try to learn."

AIDING MISSION CHURCHES.

The Board has taken great pleasure in helping, according to its means, many new and mission churches, especially in the far West. The "*Rocky Mountain Presbyterian*," a sheet published at Denver, Colorado, and edited by the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, tells its readers that "*nearly every new Sabbath-school in the Synod of Colorado has at some time been assisted by the Board of Publication.*" This is true of others of our newer Synods besides the one mentioned. Many a young church in Minnesota, Kansas, Oregon, Washington Territory and elsewhere, is to-day feeling the benefit of early aid given by this Board. Here are two or three testimonies.

Timely Aid to a Mission Church.

An excellent brother in *Iowa*, who had passed through a long and severe struggle in erecting a house of worship and gathering a congregation, and who had more than once received some aid from the Board of Publication, thus writes:

"Accept our most grateful thanks for the volumes so kindly granted. We feel ourselves as a church and as individuals under great obligations to the Board for the encouragement we have received amidst our embarrassments in building a house of worship in this new and important field. It is evident to me that the encouragement the Board of Publication gave from time to time in the way of donations, had no small influence in securing the completion of this church edifice we are now occupying. The Board, therefore, not only furnishes the best religious literature in the land, but by its timely aid gives to weak and struggling churches new impulses, and nerves them to do what they had otherwise believed to be impossible. If the churches generally could only clearly see how much good is being accomplished by this Board as an auxiliary to the Missionary work of the Presbyterian Church, I have no doubt far more abundant means would be contributed to its Missionary Fund."

Help over a Hard Place.

An earnest pastor in *Minnesota* solicited, as a donation, supplies of "*The Social Hymn and Tune Book*" for two new mission churches under his care. He afterwards wrote:

"On the 24th inst. we dedicated to the Triune God our little church edifice at D., and that evening installed me as its first pastor. It was a white day. Not the least pleasant incident was the privilege I had of presenting to the little church the copies of "*The Social Hymn and Tune Book*," being the kind and generous gift of your Board. I assure you the little congregation thank you most heartily for the gift. This aid is timely. It is help over a hard place. The other copies were thankfully received by the four months old church at I., which hopes to have a church next year."

GRANTS TO SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

A very large proportion of the grants made during the past year have been made to needy or mission Sabbath-schools. It is not asserting too much when we say that many a school has started into vigorous life under the impulse thus gained, without which it had not continued to live at all; and many a drooping and lifeless school has been filled with a new energy and attained to a far higher usefulness through the aid thus given. The evidences are abundant that the money expended in this direction has been well spent, and has secured ample returns to the Church at large. Would that the Sabbath-schools in all our older churches could be led to see what an appropriate and inviting field is here spread before them for their efforts and their benefactions. Would all such schools send the Board help according to their means, thousands instead of a few mission schools might be started over all the waste places of our Zion.

An Indian Sabbath-school Aided.

In Shawano County, *Wisconsin*, are a little church and Sabbath-school composed of Indians, who are ministered to by a most worthy missionary brother. After receiving

a donation of books from the Board for his Sabbath-school, he sends the following expression of his and their gratitude:

"We find the books excellent in every respect, and both old and young read them, as so many hungry stomachs would take in food. They were brought before the school on the last Sabbath, when every face was covered with smiles, and every heart beat with gladness. A vote of thanks to the Board was adopted, when every little right arm was stretched to its full extent, and had there been fifty or a hundred dollars to give in return, the children would gladly have parted with it all. We shall ere long take up a contribution, and you may be sure all will do their utmost when it is known to be for the Board of Publication. Such supplies of reading not only encourage us in our labors, but enable us to place good and safe works in the hands of the old and the young. Let me then repeat our thanks for this liberal gift, which greatly revives a lively interest in our Sabbath-school. May the Lord continue his rich blessings upon the Board, and move his people's hearts to pour into its Missionary Fund abundant supplies to bless the multitudes who need its aid. Our earnest prayers shall be offered for its prosperity and success."

A Precious God-send.

From *Ohio* come these warm words:

"As superintendent of Zion Mission Sabbath-school, I have the pleasure of acknowledging a kind and liberal donation of books to our school by the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

"In doing so, I can truly say that they came to us as a precious God-send. On last Sabbath they were first presented to the school, and it is impossible to depict the interest and delight with which they were received. Teachers and scholars seemed to vie with each other in their expressions of gratitude and pleasure. The singing books, especially, gave great satisfaction, and added new interest to the school. I think I can safely say, after an experience of several years in the Sabbath-school work, and an acquaintance of considerable extent with the various publications of Sabbath-school music, I know of no book which I can so heartily recommend as the '*Children's Praise*.' The catechisms have been distributed among the pupils; the teachers are interest-

ing themselves in having them committed and recited. The beautiful and interesting books, as they are passed around week after week among the various families,—who can tell the good they may accomplish by the aid of the Holy Spirit accompanying them?

“May He, whose is the work, bless the pages so kindly granted for the aid of the needy, to the salvation of many. But what shall we offer to the Board in return for this favor? Like one of old, silver and gold we have none, but such as we have we will give—the most heartfelt prayers and the thanks of many happy children.”

Nebraska Thanks.

From *Nebraska* a good brother writes:

“To say the books were a very welcome and unexpected surprise, and give the greatest satisfaction, is by no means expressing half the gratitude we feel to the Board for your generous donation. We are now completely supplied with books of the necessary kinds for carrying on our school, and the children feel much encouraged to think they are remembered by our far-off Eastern friends. The Board has done nobly by us, more than we would have thought of asking for; and we now hope soon to be able to return to you something more substantial than thanks, and to do our part in aiding you in like manner to assist other destitute schools in our frontier settlements. We have now a nice, comfortable house of worship, regular preaching, good congregations where only about two years ago were no white settlers, and only the Indians roamed over these beautiful prairies now being made still more beautiful by the hand of industry and travelled daily by the iron horse. May God bless you in carrying on your good work!”

Forees Rallied by a Donation.

From *Iowa* writes an excellent brother whose church had been almost destroyed by a terrible storm:

“The package of books you sent, expressive of your sympathy with our Sabbath-school in their loss by the late storm, has been received, and I am requested by the school to express their sincere thanks for your generous and timely gift. Inspired by the new books, they went to work to raise money to procure a

good case in which to keep them, so that when not in circulation hereafter they will be secure from injury.

"On last Sabbath an effort was made to raise money to repair the church edifice. In the church and congregation nearly every one did something. Then in the Sabbath-school I think each child contributed something. On next Tuesday evening the ladies will hold a sociable for the same end. So that you see all our forces have been rallied by your kind donation, and the prospect is good that, aided also by our Church Election Board, we shall very soon possess our house as good as new once more, or at least if not as good as new, made strong and safe against further storms, and attractive and pleasant as our Sabbath home.

"You may be assured that you have the place nearest the heart of eighty children and teachers in the De Soto Sabbath-school and an interest every Sabbath in their prayers."

Links in the Chain.

To those who carefully study the workings of the benevolent agencies of the Presbyterian Church, it is gratifying to note their mutual helpfulness. Where one ends, another takes up the chain and carries it forward to completion—where one leaves a gap, another steps in to fill the gap—where all but one combined fail to provide for an emergency, that one comes forward and meets the demand. This is very observable in the specific mission of the Board of Publication. Vital as are the offices of the other Boards, this Board lends a specific aid, without which all the others leave our church-work incomplete. We need not select from our letters to make this clear. Taking them as they come, they plainly show the value of just such an agency as the missionary department of the Board of Publication. For example, here is a letter from *Nebraska*:

"The 'Jacobus Notes,' the question books, and the sermons which you so kindly sent us, did good service, as we met every Sabbath and used them, until we had the privilege of attending the ministrations of a living under-shepherd. Then we had Sabbath-school every Sabbath, in which *The Visitor* and *Children's Praise*, and other helps which you sent, bore an active part in keeping up the interest of the children. We now have

regular preaching every two weeks, and more than that, we have this winter succeeded in erecting a very neat house of worship, neatly finished inside. We received three hundred dollars from our Board of Church Erection, and the rest of the means have been raised in the community around. We are going to hold a festival to-morrow evening, to raise money to pay off what little indebtedness there is on it, and paint and furnish it. We have been greatly blessed in spiritual things, and I think we may truly say, that it has been *largely owing to your kindness in sending us the first donation of books*, for previous to that, there was no meeting of any kind on the Sabbath, and the people had become very remiss in the proper observance of it."

Here we see the Board of Publication as a pioneer, preparing the ground for Church Erection and Home Missions; and when they are at work, a helper giving efficiency and utility to their contributions to the general cause.

Strength given by Help.

Why take collections for the Board of Publication? Not for its business—that takes care of itself; but that aid may be given to hundreds of our churches, that by such aid are cheered, strengthened, and made useful. Scores of calls for assistance are acted upon by the Board every month, and no worthy appeal is refused. The working of this form of church beneficence can be understood by extracts from a few of the many letters of the same tenor that are daily received at the Presbyterian House.

The following is from the pastor of a mission church of San Francisco, *California*:

"In behalf of the Emanuel Presbyterian Church and Sabbath-school of this city, I present to you and the Presbyterian Board of Publication, the thanks of the church and Sabbath-school for the truly generous donation of two hundred of the choice and beautiful Sabbath-school books published by the Board. *It gave new life to our mission Sabbath-school.* We are a mission; though we are an organized church, yet we are poor indeed. We have no church lot or building. We worship in a beautiful room, but it is our own hired room. We have now a Sabbath-school of one hundred and fifty scholars, and we think that

soon it will number two hundred. When we received your valuable present our school was somewhat depressed, and we did not see how we could go on and meet our expenses. The school then numbered only ninety or one hundred scholars, and some of them were saying, 'If we cannot have books we will not come.' We have heard nothing of that kind since. God bless your Board, and help you to continue to do for poor and needy Sabbath-schools what you have done for ours. And I, as the minister of Emanuel Presbyterian Church, gratefully acknowledge my own indebtedness for a donation of fifty of your choice books. As I look into them, sermons are inspired; and if I am not now a better preacher, your Board is not at fault.

"At the time we were made so glad by your donations, last October, I met a Mrs. B—— from Cañon City, Oregon; she was visiting in this city; she is a warm-hearted Christian woman, and a Presbyterian. She came to our little church and expressed her sympathy and her 'God bless you.' Then she told me what had happened to them. They had built a hall for a Sabbath-school, and had furnished it and gathered the children. They had put into it a melodeon, all at great cost for them; for they were few, and had no minister. Just before she left home a fire swept the town and the hall, and all in it was burnt to ashes. I told her of your Board, and how you had treated us, and then I told your colporteur, Mr. Wells, of her story. My repeating it, and Brother Wells hearing it, secured for them also a donation of fifty volumes. How glad Mrs. B—— was when she looked at them. Her thanks were more numerous than the books. I did not see, but imagine that the eyes of the children in Cañon City, Oregon, opened wider and wider at sight of those beautiful books.

"For them and for Emanuel Church please accept heart-warm thanks, and we will remember, both of us, that contribution which alone keeps the fountain running."

What one Sabbath-school Gained.

The pastor of a church in *Wisconsin*, to the Sabbath-school of which the Board had sent a donation of books for its library, writes thus:

"What advantage we gained at once, let figures tell. After the books were promised and expected, our attendance at the school on successive Sabbaths was as follows: 122, 141, 148. On

the Sabbath after we learned that the books had arrived, 173. On the next Sabbath, when the books were to be distributed, 193. We all liked so much the flavor of the books that on the following Sabbath the attendance was 212. Your gift was timely. Our school gave the Board of Publication a hearty vote of thanks. The books are choice ones, in the highest Christian sense. I do wish you could realize how acceptable these books are. For almost two and a-half years our Sabbath school has been virtually destitute of books, having none to distribute, and the very limited supply of papers we had were partly the gift of the Board."

Getting New Life.

A pastor in *Kansas* who had received a donation from the Board for his Sabbath-school, says:

"We have many difficulties to contend against in this place. Many persons are bitter enemies of religion, and some of these work against our Sabbath-school. But I am glad to say your books and papers have made a most favorable impression. A new interest is awakened on the part of the parents, and the children are quite enthusiastic over the books and papers. The Sabbath-school *has gotten new life*. Before, it was dull and had almost died out; now it is steadily growing in interest. Our Presbyterian children are learning the Shorter Catechism. One family, which contains quite a number of children, has gotten up quite an enthusiasm over it. The first thing in the morning, and the last in the evening, is the Catechism."

Afraid of the "Blue."

The pastor of a church in one of the Western States, who had received a grant for his Sabbath-school, wrote in acknowledgment of the gift as follows. Many, no doubt, entertain the false impressions alluded to—impressions which an examination of the Board's publications would at once dispel. The pastor says:

"Please accept the thanks of our Sabbath-school and congregation for the very liberal donation sent us. We now have a real Presbyterian Sabbath-school. We take the *Sabbath-school Visitor*, use the *Westminster Lessons*, and now we have a new library. The Board of Publication furnishes all,

children and adults, with the choicest reading. When I first suggested an effort to get a library from our Board, some good folks here thought that books published by the 'old blue Church' would certainly be bound in blue, with grim terrors gleaming from every page. But we have on the covers nearly all the colors of the rainbow in our library, and what is best of all, *Jesus speaks to us from all its pages*. More entertaining reading matter, I venture to say, can not be found in the books of any publishing house, or more of that kind of instruction which elevates the soul and helps Christians to grow in grace, except in the Bible. The idea seems to prevail, to some extent even among Presbyterians, that the Board's books may do well enough for elders and deacons, who have been trained to discuss the five Points in Theology, but for others, and especially for children, they can have no attraction. I know this idea prevails to some extent in the West, and helps to keep the best literature out of our schools and our homes. I hope special efforts may be made, by all friends of the Board, to correct this pernicious error."

Our Books in Salt Lake City.

Through the Rev. Sheldon Jackson a grant of the Board's publications was sent some months ago to the Rev. Josiah Welch, for his new mission Sabbath-school at *Salt Lake City* in *Utah*. In his reply Mr. Jackson says: "I enclose you an extract from one of the Salt Lake papers, showing the appreciation there of the Board's liberal gift." The extract referred to is as follows:

"A Presbyterian Sunday-school was organized on last Sunday afternoon. A fine library is on the way from the East for this school, and a good supply of the choicest Sabbath-school papers are on hand, ready for distribution. These beautifully illustrated and valuable papers (*Sabbath-school Visitors*) have never been received in Salt Lake City before, and we promise the children something worth having in these papers. Boys and girls generally are invited to this school, as well as Sunday-school workers who will lend a helping hand. The library which is coming will do much to popularize this Sabbath-school and render it a success. Every institution backed by a library, should receive the support of the public."

We are glad to learn from a subsequent letter of Mr.

Welch, that his school was going forward with excellent prospects of enlargement and usefulness.

Books Sadly Needed.

A laborious pastor of a new church in *Missouri*, who had received a grant of books for his Sabbath-school, says:

“Your Board has my warmest thanks and sincere gratitude for the books sent. They were sadly needed. You can scarcely imagine our appreciation of this gift, coming as it does to a people who are growing up without the benefits of Sabbath-schools, and many of whose minds are in the tangled meshes of ignorance and error. It will be our earnest endeavor, under guidance and strength from above, to disseminate the truth taught in the pages of these books.”

Books that are Safe.

From another Western State, *Kansas*, a pastor writes:

“Our Sabbath-school children feel exceedingly grateful for the Board’s donation. I know not where the books would have been better appreciated, or where they could have done more good. I feel perfectly safe in introducing any works published by our Board of Publication, and I feel that they are doing a great work for these rapidly growing towns on the frontier. It pains me to see dime novels so widely circulated, and, what is little better, the low sensational weeklies and monthlies. But these valuable works of our Board will to a great degree, wherever they go, counteract those vile issues, and create a good taste in the minds of our Sabbath-school children. You are doing a great work in issuing the *Sabbath-school Visitor*. It is enjoyed intensely by its readers in our Sabbath-school.

Our Books among Indians.

Our next letter is from the Cattaraugus Reservation in *Western New York*, from a laborer among the Indians.

“I trust you will not interpret my delay to acknowledge the receipt of the package of books from your Board to a lack of appreciation of the gift. We were much gratified with the grant. The selection is well adapted to the wants of this community. Our Sabbath-school passed a vote of thanks to the Board of

Publication, which I was requested to transmit to you. Since the arrival of the books, a new interest in reading has been awakened, and though this interest is not general, yet the indications are not without encouragement. The need of acquaintance with our religious literature is painfully apparent among these Indians, and your publications are of the right character to meet this want."

From California.

To the same effect is the next letter from *California*, where the Home Missionary is cheered, and his work invigorated by a grant of books.

"Your gift of over two hundred volumes to our Sabbath-school library was a great God-send to us. We needed books sorely, but in this dry year we could not raise the means to replenish. It is the first donation I have ever had to one of my Sabbath-schools. The books were just what we needed. Accept from superintendent, teachers, children, and myself, our hearty thanks to you and the Board of Publication which you represent; also, on my own part, accept thanks for the sixty volumes for my own library. A number of the books are just what I need to help me here. Not a few of them I can make preach to those who will not come to hear *me* preach."

From New Mexico.

An Indian Agent in *New Mexico* finds the publications of this Board the very artillery that he needs in that distant part of our country. He writes:

"I hereby acknowledge the receipt of fifty volumes received from you as a gift of our Board to the Sabbath-school of this place. I would express to you our hearty and sincere thanks for this valuable gift, which I hope will do something towards bringing light into this fearfully dark territory. I have lately made a trip to Santa Fé, and it is really heart-sickening to see the wickedness and ignorance of the Mexicans, and the ease and rapidity with which nearly all Americans assume the vices of the lower classes. It was, indeed, wise in our General Assembly to give New Mexico, like any heathen country, to the Foreign Board. We are but a few Christians here, but, by the grace of God, we will endeavor to do what little we can for the Redeemer's kingdom."

A Grant Appreciated.

One of our ministers in *Iowa* thus writes on the receipt of a Sabbath-school library from the Board:

"Your highly esteemed favor of last month, with the accompanying noble package of books for Rock Creek Church Sabbath-school, came in due time to hand. I had to get up a desk for the books that would be worthy of their reception. This I made with my own hands last week—not a bad job either, though I am no cabinet-maker—out of black walnut, and put in the books all numbered and marked. In the meantime I have been poring over volume after volume of the library. I know it would have made you right glad to have witnessed the joyful look of mingled thankfulness and pleasure on last Sabbath morning, when I unlocked that desk with its unseen treasure of beautifully bound books. For this munificent appropriation of our Board of Publication we wish to express our united and hearty thanks. We shall enter forthwith upon a system of systematic giving for this Board. It has hitherto been my difficulty in urging the claims of *this Board* upon the liberal attention of my people, that it is a self-sustaining, if not a money-making Board, and does not need any aid from the churches. I have all along known that this was incorrect, but found it quite difficult to lead others to see the truth. This gift of the Board, not of cast-off and unsaleable books, but the very best and prettiest bound books imaginable, is an *argumentum ad hominem et oculum* of the noble designs and workings of our Board of Publication. We, as a church and Sabbath-school, return our thanks for the gift, and intend to be more than ever active and liberal in our contributions to our Publication Board. What admirable selections to arouse my church from her apathy upon the subject of 'Foreign Missions.' I hope to see the fruit of increased intelligence through these books, in the increased liberality of the church to *all our Boards*."

A Friend in Need.

From *Minnesota* the recipient of a grant thus expresses his thanks:

"I am in receipt of the package of Sabbath-school books for our school, and desire most gratefully to acknowledge the kind donation. The selection you made is a most admirable one, and

has given satisfaction to all concerned, whether parents, teachers or children. If 'a friend in need is a friend indeed,' the Board of Publication is just such a friend to us. Our people being few in number and mostly poor, besides having their hands well nigh full in erecting and furnishing our church edifice, the help you have give us is most timely and acceptable. We shall most certainly remember this Board in our collections, and though it is but little we have to give, it will be given in the spirit of gratitude and appreciation for favors past received."

A New Impulse Given.

From *Michigan*, we have the following response to a grant:

"The package of books you were so kind as to send to our little Sabbath-school, came in my absence. The books were received with many expressions of gratitude to the Board for so generous a gift. The children are delighted with their present. By this act of kind remembrance a new impulse has been given to the Sabbath-school, and I cherish the fond hope, that a new impulse has been given to the religious interests of the community. May the Lord prosper this Board in its work of love, till through the gospel's influence and the power of a pure Christian literature, our sons shall become as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner-stones polished after the similitude of a palace."

OUR BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The Board rejoices to perceive the indications that its future usefulness is to be by no means restricted to our own land. The day is evidently approaching when, if our Presbyterian Church is true to herself and to her right and duty to use the press as a means for disseminating the gospel, her printed messages of truth and love shall freely circulate around the globe. May she lay deep and broad and solid foundations for this work in expectation of that day.

We have already mentioned that, in response to appeals from missionaries and others in those countries, grants of books have been sent to *Persia, China, India, Greece,*

Liberia, Brazil and Mexico. In addition to this fact we may present the following from *India and Japan.*

Our Books in Northern India.

A letter received in February last, from the well-known missionary, the Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., of Ambala city, in Northern India, says:

“I have determined to try what I can do here for the dissemination of the Board's publications. An effort is to be made to supply Europeans scattered over this country, where there are no government chaplains, with the gospel. It contemplates also supplying the visitors to our Hill Sanitaria, who are dissatisfied with the literature they have heretofore been receiving during the summer months. I have been asked to coöperate in a scheme for supplying the English speaking community generally with a sound religious literature. I will therefore feel greatly obliged if you will send me a good supply of your publications for this use.”

The Board has very gladly enrolled Dr. Morrison as a voluntary colporteur, and sent to him a choice selection of its books and tracts for distribution in Northern India.

Our Books in Japan.

An extremely interesting letter has been received from the Rev. C. Carrothers, a missionary of our Board of Foreign Missions. It was written from the city of Yedo in *Japan.* The writer says:

“I wish you to send me a number of the Board's publications, of the names and numbers of which I send you a list. I am quite sure you will receive many more orders from Japan, and larger ones in the future. For, although Japan is not yet open to the *public* preaching of the gospel to the natives, there is, notwithstanding, a great and growing interest here in Christianity. This interest is principally among the many thousands of young men who are studying the western language and sciences. There are three thousand such pupils in the city of Yedo alone, and a similar proportion throughout the various provinces. These pupils, in studying the various text-books of western sciences, find in them constant references to the Bible and the truths

of Christianity. But the whole nation in its intercourse with foreign lands is having its prejudices against the Christian religion removed. To meet the constant demand for books on Christianity, I keep always for sale English and Chinese Bibles, and all the Christian publications in Chinese also. There is scarcely a day when I do not sell some books. These are purchased by persons who come to my house on purpose to buy them. During the last month the proprietor of two of the largest bookstores in the city have bought a number of Chinese Bibles, and other Chinese religious works. These they sell privately. Another bookstore proprietor lately told me that he could sell large quantities of Christian books, if he were allowed to do so.

"God is preparing the way here for a glorious work among this people. Man may make edicts and laws to circumscribe and overthrow his glorious kingdom, but all these are like chaff before the wind. It is vain for man to set up his feeble power against that of the Almighty. This truth, I hope the rulers of Japan may soon be made to understand. I have a regular Bible class in my house, composed of young men whose homes are in different parts of the land, but who are residing in this city to get an education. They assemble at my house at a stated hour, and I teach them just as I would teach a Bible class in America. Some members of the class have been constant attendants for over a year, and some of them are deeply interested in the truths of the gospel. I am very much encouraged in this part of my work, and really feel that I am doing as much good by explaining thoroughly the Bible in course to these young men, as might be done by publicly preaching the gospel to a mixed audience."

Of course a large and carefully selected supply of the Board's publications was at once forwarded to this good brother at Yedo.

The Board closes this part of its Report with an earnest appeal to the Ministers and Ruling Elders of our entire Church for their coöperation in this work of disseminating the Board's publications. It cannot be doubted that if our Ministers and Sessions generally felt the great importance to the cause of religion and of Presbyterianism of introducing these publications into the homes of their respective congregations, of placing them in the libraries of their Sab-

bath-schools and upon their own book-shelves, a vastly increased circulation might easily be secured. A Special Committee, in a Report made to and adopted by the General Assembly of 1863, offered the following remarks, as true and as important now as they were then:

“We desire to see a greater degree of working interest secured among the ministers and members of the Church generally, to promote the circulation of the Board’s volumes. There is an indisposition among our ministers to promote actively the sale of books, which cannot be justified, since the press should be auxiliary to the pulpit. Every good book placed in one of the families of a congregation is a quiet, untiring worker in the same direction with the labors of a faithful pastor. Sometimes this pastoral coöperation with the Board—and many a private member should afford the same—should take the form of a commendatory notice, in the public prints, of some valuable volume. Interest would thus be added to the columns of our papers, and the impulse given to the sale of books by such notices of the Board’s publications, would be but one of many advantages secured. Personal recommendation of the Board’s volumes, pains taken to procure any book for those who may wish it, and diligent efforts to scatter them through his congregation and Presbytery, should be thought useful labors on the part of any pastor.”

Will not our pastors and sessions ponder this suggestion and try what they can do, either of themselves or in connection with a colporteur of the Board, towards introducing these publications into all the families in their several vicinities?

III. DEPARTMENT OF SUSTENTATION.

The amount of receipts into the Treasury from all sources for the period under review, including the balance therein at the beginning of the year, has been \$313,167.19. Of this sum \$101,282.08 have belonged to the Building Fund, leaving \$200,122.31 from ordinary sources.

The aggregate of expenditures of all kinds during the same year have been \$289,169.34. Of this sum \$77,953.20 have been paid out for the new-building, leaving \$211,216.14 for expenditures in the regular current business.

The balance in the treasury, including the Building Fund, at the end of the year, is \$23,997.85.

Further particulars may be learned from the Treasurer's account appended to this Report.

SALES OF THE YEAR.

The cash received from sales of the year has been:

In the Bookstore,	\$88,821.46
By Colporteurs,	50,857.73
From Sabbath-school Visitor,	17,613.66
“ Monthly Record,	7,139.07
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Total,	\$164,431.82

This total of course differs from the Treasurer's account, because this includes credit sales and donations, while the Treasurer credits only cash received.

THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The amount received for the Missionary Fund has been \$49,851.82. The amount expended from that Fund has been \$50,857.73. The expenditures have therefore exceeded the receipts by \$1,005.91.

The number of contributing churches reported last year, including 136 which gave their contributions to the Synodical Board at Pittsburgh, was 1457. The number contributing this year, including 126 which gave their contributions to that Synodical Board, was 1753. It thus appears that there has been an increase of 296 churches this year contributing to this cause.

Our last General Assembly adopted the following in reference to this subject:

“*Resolved*, That the people of our churches be urged to increased liberality toward the Missionary Department of this Board, and to take up an annual collection for it, as directed by the past Assembly, so that the means of inaugurating the Sunday-school work, and increasing colportage and donations to destitute pastors and feeble churches, may be supplied.”

While our great and noble Presbyterian Church is still far from exhibiting that unity and earnestness of purpose we would fain see in the prosecution of this Publication cause, it is pleasing to observe that it is steadily making progress in this direction. Each year sees some increase in the number of contributing churches. Could this cause be fully understood in its bearings on the growth and welfare of our Zion, on the salvation of individual souls, on the sanctification and edification of believers, on the safety of our country, and on the conversion of the world, we fully believe that no church, large or small, throughout our wide denomination, would fail to pour into the treasury of this Board according to its ability, the means wherewith to carry on the work of diffusing everywhere a religious and Calvinistic literature. Infidelity, popery and error in its Protean forms, are using all around us the mighty power of the press in scattering their pestilential seeds abroad upon the land and the world. It is high time for our scriptural and powerful Church, as a Church, to use that same mighty engine in disseminating more abundantly than ever hitherto the seeds of truth and holiness and salvation over the world-wide field given to her to cultivate.

The term of office of the following members will expire in May, 1872, viz:

MINISTERS.

Rev. George F. Wiswell, D.D.,
 Rev. John W. Dulles, D.D.,
 Rev. Daniel March, D.D.,
 Rev. H. Augustus Smith,
 Rev. Willard M. Rice, D. D.,
 Rev. F. R. Harbaugh,
 Rev. George W. Musgrave, D.D.,
 Rev. Matthew Newkirk,

LAYMEN.

George W. Simons,
 Joseph Allison,
 Henry N. Paul,
 Edward Miller,*
 James Ross Snowden,
 John D. McCord,
 Gilbert Combs,*
 Gustavus S. Benson.

Of these members, Mr. Edward Miller and Mr. Gilbert Combs have departed this life within the last few months.

* Deceased.

Messrs. Alexander Whilldin, Edward R. Hutchins, M.D., and William L. Hildeburn, for various reasons of a personal nature, have tendered their resignations, which are herewith reported to the Assembly. The term of Mr. Whilldin would have expired regularly in May, A.D. 1873, and that of Messrs. Hutchins and Hildeburn in May, 1874.

APPENDIX.

BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

APRIL 1, 1872.

	DEBIT BALANCES.	CREDIT BALANCES.
Capital Stock,		\$423,478.59
Merchandise,	\$192,053.17	
W. Sargent, Treasurer,	23,997.85	
Bills Receivable,	1,024.78	
Bond and Mortgage,		25,000.00
Building Account,	43,681.60	
Real Estate,	59,560.79	
Perpetual Insurance Account,	2,707.50	
Library,	2,242.58	
Engravings,	26,956.53	
Stereotype Plates,	75,516.72	
Lehigh Gold Loan,	5,325.00	
Missionary Fund,		3,354.37
Monthly Record,	1,056.17	
Sabbath-school Visitor,	4,963.38	
Sundry Personal Accounts, Debit,	12,790.44	
Sundry Personal Accounts, Credit,		43.55
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	\$451,876.51	\$451,876.51

E. E., April, 1872.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REPORT OF W. SARGENT, TREASURER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer of the Board of Publication reports that he has received the following sums, viz:

For balance in Treasury, March 1, 1871.....	\$11,762 80
“ Contributions to Building Fund.....	44,883.36
“ Sale of old material, party wall, Interest, Rents, &c.....	6,232.67
“ Amount for Missionary purposes.....	41,923.94
“ Account of Sabbath-school Visitor.....	17,613.66
“ Account of Monthly Record.....	7,939.23
“ Cash received for Sale of Books.....	133,545.48
“ “ Return Premium of Insurance.....	166.05
“ “ Sale of Property, 821 Chestnut Street.....	50,000.00
Total amount receipts,	\$313,167.19

That he has disbursed,

For new Building.....	\$77,953.20
“ Missionary Purposes.....	50,857.73
“ Book Store.....	132,327.78
“ Sabbath-school Visitor.....	20,628.55
“ Monthly Record.....	7,402.08
	\$289,169.34

Balance in Treasury this day,
W. SARGENT, *Treasurer*.

\$23,997.85

PHILADELPHIA, April 1st, 1872.

On examination of the accounts of Winthrop Sargent, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, by the undersigned Auditing Committee, they find them correct, and that the balance in his hands April 1, 1872, was twenty-three thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars and eighty-five cents.

J. SMILEY, }
G. S. BENSON, } *Auditing Committee.*

APPENDIX.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES WILL SHOW THE DETAILS OF LABOR PERFORMED BY COLPORTEURS DURING THE YEAR.

NAMES OF COLPORTEURS.	SYNODS IN WHICH THEY HAVE LABORED.	PRESBYTERIES FOR WHICH THEY WERE COMMISSIONED.	Days employed.	No. of Vols. sold.	No. of Vols. given.	Pages of Tracts given.	No. of Families visited.	Families prayed or conversed with.	REMARKS.
George Craig, H. E. Butler, J. W. Elliott,	ALBANY.	Albany, Champlain, Troy,	20	71	12	4,000	791	791	No Report. No Report.
James Phifer, Arch. Lewis, A. P. White, Drury Howell,	ATLANTIC.	Catawba, Fairfield, Yadkin, Do.	76 60 26 109	109 43 70 165	199 7 118 89	2,195 3,560 62 8,075	248 126 105 450	179 100 33 450	
George S. Bell, George W. Kennedy, Hiram Bessey, Jose Bernardino Rabello,	BALTIMORE.	Baltimore, New Castle, Do. Rio de Janeiro,	23 302 60 90	161 1,220 64 127	39 324 14 397	5,500 10,100 2,000 4,556	191 938 375 32	160 745 375 32	
C. Carrothers,	CHINA.	Japan,							No Report.
Thomas Lee, McKnight Williamson, John Rowe,	CINCINNATI.	Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Dayton,	65 179	175 237	44 19	12,000 550 17,390	1,400 334 960	1,400 250 582	
John A. Seymour, L. E. Hanna,	CLEVELAND.	Cleveland, Do.	184 56	155 460	130	171,855 16,325	750	285	

CLEVELAND.	Cleveland, Do. Do.	55 76 37	29 117 154	10 7 67	10,340 4,126 7,931	972 831 157	604 736 35
F. V. Krug, Elias Bentzing, R. D. Scott, H. P. Wilson, J. G. Lyle, R. A. Watson,	Mahoning, St. Clairsville, Steubenville,	104 46 5	352 206 10	213 150 20	7,662 12,294 4,500	540 274 25	368 47 1
J. R. Reedy,	Colorado,	146	547	1,045	25,356	2,789	1,541
COLUMBUS.	Marion, Wooster, Do.	150 29 90	310 477 381	70 41 138	5,000 10,090 5,980	750 89 242	600 76 43
A. S. Thorne, A. E. Thomson, T. S. Caruthers, George Herriott, S. W. Pringle,	Zanesville, Do.	319 53	1,378 498	409 68	14,550 4,500	1,248 232	901 73
GENEVA.	Steuben.						No Report.
IRRAHISBURG.	Carlisle, Huntingdon.	365	883	159	18,000	1,300	1,200
							No Report.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.	Bloomington, Do. Peoria, Schuyler, Springfield, Do.	154 102 127 107 92 62	639 592 1,258 528 408 202	104 115 519 106 151 70	25,010 11,560 22,361 17,298 7,710 8,140	1,912 942 1,351 1,031 3,131 2,728	860 715 681 595 816 968
ILLINOIS NORTH.	Chicago, Do. Freeport. Ottawa, Rock River,	365 337 60 302	5,564 1,232 119 2,191	3,161 64 32 701	220,118 34,026 5,700 34,026	6,528 4,061 527 3,684	4,890 2,671 411 2,293
							No Report.
C. O. Waters, Joseph Bates, Jas. R. Smith, R. J. Chute, E. F. Chester,							

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L. Root, C. Wilson, Solomon Cook, Jas. Brownlee, J. Huston, W. B. Bloys, Thos. Buchanan, B. C. Swan,	ILLINOIS SOUTH.	Alton, Do. Cairo, Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	190 79 77 8 32 78 31 12	1,506 326 318 12 193 1,002 275 51	220 78 130 71 211 5 51	35,590 12,900 2,972 2,318 7,486 26,600 7,120 1,150	2,446 704 368 95 269 1,054 309 108	1,911 263 210 86 143 723 211 86	No Report.
J. H. Morrison,	INDIA.	Lodiana.							No Report.
John Bradley, T. S. Walling, Wm. Armstrong,	INDIANA NORTH.	Fort Wayne, Do. Muncie,	68 114 10	207 375 180	56 8 414	13,895 2,915 11,851	459 715 64	266 165 64	
R. A. Guthrie, R. S. Ryker, J. L. Green, Jno. McCrea, Jno. P. Griffith, W. A. Jones, W. N. Stimson,	INDIANA SOUTH.	Indianapolis, N. Albany, Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	225 36 42 22 55 49	613 210 121 320 51 147	421 51 20 298 33	13,100 10,000 7,820 21,660 490 5,003	1,331 305 394 693 400 441	558 168 202 390 285	No Report.

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W. W. Stirling, D. M. Heydrick, Ch. T. Chester,	LONG ISLAND.	Brooklyn,	365	1,169	24	16,957	2,596	1,971	
		Do.	170	1,254	223	6,100	985	860	
		Long Island,	85	476	60	6,036	848	559	
Joshua A. Clayton, Walter E. Ransom, Duncan McLellan,	MICHIGAN.	Detroit,	4	92	59	1,000	164	25	
		Grand Rapids,	77	129	14	8,000	720	189	
		Saginaw,	244	1,920	794	39,596	2,218	1,620	
C. M. Allen, B. G. McKay, Thos. Bennet, Ransom Wait, R. B. Abbott,	MINNESOTA.	Dakota,	115	239	123	20,980	1,339	1,027	
		Mankato,	250	797	134	27,610	2,794	1,703	
		St. Paul,	39	387	122	13,650	544	175	
		Winona,	161	584	425	33,202	1,994	1,555	
		Do.	11	102	11	4,184	170	110	
J. W. Allen, J. F. Fenton, A. McCormick, R. McCaslin, J. Spenser, H. H. Allen,	MISSOURI.	Osage,	77	373	31	13,400	649	437	
		Do.	15	96	21	2,484	167	93	
		Do.							No Report.
T. B. Jarvis, A. P. Hawley, A. Marcellus, Fred'k B. Hanle,	NEW JERSEY.	Palmyra,	86	280	474	57,690	1,812	1,185	
		Potosi,	55	346	47	6,550	571	387	
		St. Louis.							No Report.
T. B. Jarvis, A. P. Hawley, A. Marcellus, Fred'k B. Hanle,	NEW JERSEY.	Elizabeth,	34	139	69	1,500	175	150	
		Jersey City.							No Report.
		Monmouth,	31	155	12	1,933	116	102	
		Newark,	28	63		1,791	400	30	

Jno. Travis, Wm. A. Simmons,	NEW JERSEY.	155	358	7	8,269	2,250	1,411
	West Jersey,	71	293	45	3,765	610	434
J. P. Watson, James S. Wescott, George Ainsley,	NEW YORK.	15	87	11	1,690	77	70
	Boston,	65	440	60	9,344	751	107
	Hudson, Do.	180	555	34	3,000	1,350	300
William W. Dorland, J. H. Meacham, John H. Vanderslice, M. L. Cook, S. G. Barnes, John Potter, Edward Dillon, John C. Agin, John Peacock,	PHILADELPHIA.	151	819	26	5,188	604	459
	Chester,	26	50	6		490	490
	Lackawana, Do.	4	14	2	264	21	13
	Do.	63	493	7	4,000	620	12
	Do	8			400	150	
	Philadelphia, Philada. Central, Philada. North, Do.	90	222	17	15,480	3,225	3,225
		13	138	6	8,000	150	75
		30	133	162	390	179	129
					5,988	10	10
L. B. Williams, A. G. Leonard, W. R. Sibbet, R. R. Marshall, R. S. Pollock,	PITTSBURGH.	211	809	303	18,302	2,221	804
	Redstone,	175	1,150	263	2,200	310	205
	West Virginia, Do.	7	102	28	1,050	30	26
	Do.						No Report.
	Do.	74	211	75	8,000	457	146
H. P. Young, Philip T. Heyer, William B. Rankin, J. L. Moore, William H. Roane, W. A. Mathes,	TENNESSEE.	25	20	29	1,840	125	No Report.
	Austin,						No Report.
	Holston, Do.						No Report.
	Do.						No Report.
	New Orleans, Union,	112	245	160	5,663	385	150
A. B. Fields, G. D. Marsh, Delos E. Finks,	TOLEDO.	32	79	4	5,000	123	123
	Bellefontaine, Huron, Maumee,	60	74	14	5,000	200	142

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W. L. Roland, Martin Koehler,	TOLEDO.	Maumee, Do.	23	152	12	4,468	279	21	
			20	240	6	16,000	820	801	
Giles M. Smith, James D. Taitt, Charles Barnes,	UTICA.	Binghamton, St. Lawrence, Syracuse.	68	478	121	3,301	793	715	
			225	2,523	941	20,488	2,601	1,579	
			115	439	106	8,000	3,635	1,487	
William Glover,	WESTERN NEW YORK.	Niagara.	23	244		972	27	27	
J. Irwin Smith, David Brown, John Faurehild, W. E. Kimball, William Cargen, Armon Spencer, Frank Lightfoot, Eben Bushnell, Samuel M. Love, Isaac L. Johnson, J. C. Caldwell.	WISCONSIN.	Chippewa, Do.	27	427	35	8,420	245	159	No Report.
		Lake Superior. Milwaukee,	202	653	75	17,720	558	419	No Report.
		Do.							No Report.
		Winnebago, Do.	14	54		1,508	199	40	
		Do.	29	154	23	4,750	409	215	
		Do.	55	320	4	5,124	520	125	
		Wisconsin River, Do.	165	714	203	26,500	1,594	935	
		Do.	176	789	34	40,392	2,778	1,334	No Report.
		Ontario.	262	3,105	26	1,050	150	100	
Andrew Kennedy,	CANADA WEST.								

FIELDS IN WHICH EMPLOYED.		PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Colporteurs.	Days employed.	Volumes sold.	Volumes given.	Pages of Tracts distributed.	Families visited.	Families conversed or prayed with.	REMARKS.
SYNODS.										
ALBANY,		Albany, Champlain, Troy,	1	20	71	12	4,000	791	791	No Report.
ATLANTIC,		Catayba, Fairfield, Yadkin,	1	76	109	199	2,195	248	179	
		Baltimore, New Castle,	2	60	43	7	3,560	126	100	
		Rio de Janeiro,	2	135	235	207	8,137	555	483	
CHINA,		Japan,	1	23	161	39	5,500	191	160	
CINCINNATI,		Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Dayton,	2	362	1,284	338	12,100	1,129	905	
		Cleveland, Mahoning, St Clairsville,	1	90	127	397	4,536	32	32	No Report.
		Steubenville,	1				12,000	1,400	1,400	
		Colorado,	1	65	175	44	550	334	250	
CLEVELAND,		Marion, Wooster, Zanesville,	4	179	237	19	17,390	960	582	
		Steuben,	1	408	915	214	210,517	2,710	1,660	
		Carlisle, Huntingdon,	1	104	352	213	7,662	540	368	
COLORADO,		Bloomington, Peoria,	1	46	206	150	12,294	274	47	
COLUMBUS,		Seuylar, Springfield, Chicago,	1	5	10	20	4,500	25	1	
		Freeport, Ottawa, Rock River,	1	146	547	1,045	25,356	2,789	1,541	
			1	150	310	70	5,000	750	600	
GENEVA,			2	119	858	179	16,070	331	119	
HARRISBURG,			2	372	1,876	477	19,050	1,480	974	No Report.
			1	365	883	159	18,000	1,300	1,200	No Report.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL,			1	256	1,231	219	36,570	2,854	1,575	
			2	127	1,258	519	22,361	1,351	681	
			1	107	528	106	17,298	1,031	595	
ILLINOIS NORTH,			2	154	610	221	15,850	5,859	1,784	
			2	702	6,796	3,225	254,144	10,589	7,561	
			1	60	119	32	5,700	527	411	No Report.
			1	302	2,191	701	34,026	3,684	2,293	

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SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.								
ILLINOIS SOUTH.	Alton,	No Report.	2,174	3,150	48,490	298	1,832	269	2
INDIA,	Cairo,	No Report.	1,459	2,203	47,646	417	1,851	238	6
INDIANA NORTH,	Lodiana,		431	1,174	16,810	64	682	175	1
	Fort Wayne,		64	64	11,851	414	180	10	2
INDIANA SOUTH,	Muncie,	4 Reports.	558	1,331	13,100	421	613	225	1
	Indianapolis,		760	1,792	39,970	369	702	155	5
	New Albany,		285	441	5,003	33	147	49	1
	Vincennes,	1 Report.	295	792	8,390	46	418	89	2
IOWA NORTH,	Cedar Rapids,	Do.	56	98	173,090	5	41	12	2
	Dubuque,		2,732	3,552	32,800	392	617	223	1
	Fort Dodge,		2,323	3,019	47,621	49	527	140	1
	Waterloo,		2,031	2,721	15,377	162	1,374	280	2
IOWA SOUTH,	Des Moines,		2,159	4,392	26,799	177	1,907	312	2
	Iowa,		369	575	6,100	29	196	91	1
	Missouri River,		387	502	545	55	182	46	1
KANSAS,	Emporia,	No Report.	466	843	11,059	106	402	100	1
	Highland,	2 Reports.	344	509	10,972	32	155	53	3
	Neosho,		226	383	1,000	13	240	102	2
KENTUCKY,	Elenezer,	1 Report.	240	303	10,000	61	338	108	3
	Louisville,	Do.	955	1,334	11,000	989	1,534	420	2
	Transylvania,	3 Reports.	2,831	3,581	23,057	247	2,423	535	5
LONG ISLAND,	Brooklyn,		559	848	6,036	60	476	85	2
	Long Island,		25	164	1,000	59	92	4	1
MICHIGAN,	Detroit,		180	720	8,000	14	129	77	1
	Grand Rapids,		1,620	2,218	39,596	794	1,920	244	1
	Saginaw,		1,027	1,339	20,980	123	239	115	1
MINNESOTA,	Dakota,		1,703	2,794	27,610	134	797	230	1
	Mankato,		175	544	13,650	122	387	39	1
	St. Paul,		1,665	2,164	37,386	436	686	172	2
	Winona,								

		3	82	469	52	15,884	816	530	2 Reports.
Missouri,	Osage,	1	86	280	474	57,690	1,812	1,185	No Report.
	Palmyra,	1	55	346	47	6,550	571	387	No Report.
	Potosi,	1							No Report.
New Jersey,	St. Louis,	1	34	139	69	1,506	175	150	No Report.
	Elizabeth,	1							
	Jersey City,	1							
	Monmouth,	1	31	155	12	1,933	116	102	
	Newark,	1	28	63		1,791	400	30	
	Newton,	1	155	358	7	8,269	2,250	1,411	
	West Jersey,	1	71	293	45	3,765	610	434	
	Boston,	1	15	87	11	1,690	77	70	
	Hudson,	2	245	995	94	12,344	2,101	407	
	Chester,	1	151	819	26	5,188	604	459	
Philadelphia,	Lackawanna,	4	101	557	15	5,264	1,281	515	
	Philadelphia,	1				15,480	3,365	3,225	
	Philadelphia Central,	1	43	271	168	6,378	189	139	
Pittsburgh,	Redstone,	2	211	809	303	18,302	2,221	804	3 Reports.
	West Virginia,	1	256	1,463	363	11,250	797	377	No Report.
Tennessee,	Austin,	1							No Report.
	Holston,	3	25	20	29	1,840	125	125	No Report.
	New Orleans,	1							No Report.
	Union,	1	112	245	160	5,663	385	150	No Report.
Toledo,	Bellefontaine,	1							No Report.
	Huron,	1	32	79	4	5,000	123	123	
	Maumee,	3	103	466	32	25,468	1,299	964	
Utica,	Binghamton,	1	68	478	121	2,301	793	715	
	St. Lawrence,	1	225	2,523	94	20,488	2,601	1,579	
	Syracuse,	1	115	439	104	8,000	3,635	1,487	
	Niagara,	1	23	244		972	27	27	
Western New York,	Chippewa,	2	27	427	35	8,420	245	159	1 Report.
Wisconsin,	Lake Superior,	1							No Report.
	Milwaukee,	2	202	653	75	17,720	558	419	No Report.
	Winnebago,	3	98	524	27	11,382	1,127	380	
	Wisconsin River,	4	341	1,503	237	66,892	4,372	2,269	
Canada,	Ontario,	1	262	3,105	26	1,050	150	100	2 Reports.
	Donations by								
	Missionary Committee,								
		156	12,328	60,929	53,454	1,806,643	116,235	73,913	
33 Synods,	98 Presbyteries.				71,864	3,598,331			

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

FOR THE

COLPORTAGE FUND,

FROM MARCH 1, 1871 TO MARCH 1, 1872.

The work of *publishing* Books and Tracts is carried forward upon a capital contributed, several years ago, for that specific purpose, to which it is wholly and sacredly devoted. The churches are not called on to contribute *for the publishing department of the Board*; but as nothing can be drawn away from the publishing department for other uses, the Board is obliged to depend wholly on the contributions of the churches and benevolent individuals for the supply of its Colportage Fund. These contributions, therefore, are indispensable for the following uses, viz.

1. To pay the Salaries and Expenses incident to Colportage and the Sabbath-school work.

2. To pay for the large amount of Books and Tracts gratuitously distributed by Colporteurs.

Just in proportion, and *only* in proportion, as the churches annually contribute to this Fund, is the Board able to do these things.

The following table exhibits the receipts of last year.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.		<i>Presbytery of Troy.</i>	
<i>Presbytery of Albany.</i>		Jefferson ch	\$3 27
Saratoga Springs		Saratoga Sp'gs 2d	48 72
1st church	\$20 00	Albany 2d	111 57
Green Bush 1st ch	21 28	Gloversville 1st	60 00
Cooperstown	43 88	Albany 4th	197 20
Little Falls	30 00	Schenectady	9 63
Sprague	3 00	West Galway	6 00
Mayfield	3 50	Ballston Spa	36 36
Kingsboro'	19 40		912 58
Mariaville	8 00	<i>Presbytery of Champlain.</i>	
West Galway	6 00	Plattsburg 1st	19 00
Johnstown	29 70	Fort Covington	32 50
Galway	6 50		51 50
Union	1 50	<i>Presbytery of Columbia.</i>	
Carlisle	8 00	Valatie	20 00
Esperance	3 00	Windham	5 00
Albany 6th	13 27	do Centre	10 00
Amsterdam 1st	5 00	Greenville	33 25
Princeton	21 00	Hunter	15 00
New Scotland	18 00	Hudson 1st	25 00
Conklingville ch		Durham	8 60
and Sab sch	5 00		116 85
Day Centre	1 70		
Albany 1st	63 00		
State Street	100 00		
Charlton	9 00		
			556 75

SYNOD OF ATLANTIC.		<i>Presb. of New Castle.</i>	Hillsboro' ch	\$61 10
<i>Presbytery of Atlantic.</i>		Kennett Square ch	Greenfield 1st	10 72
James Island ch	\$3 50	Green Hill	Falls Creek	6 40
Salem, Edisto	3 00	Rock River	Chillicothe 1st	64 10
Goodwill and Maysville	10 60	Zion		
Wilmington	3 00	New Castle, John		184 02
Charleston Mission	5 00	Johns Esq		
	25 10	Forks Brandywine		
<i>Presbytery of Catawba.</i>		Chesapeake City	<i>Presb. of Cincinnati.</i>	
Poplar Tent	1 00	Berlin	1st German	10 00
Concord	1 00	White Clay Creek &	Mt. Auburn	63 78
Greensboro' S. S.	3 50	Head Christiana	Pilgrim	7 00
	5 50	Odesa	Lebanon	23 00
<i>Presb. of East Florida.</i>		Newark	Goshen	10 00
Monticello	20 00	Middletown	Delhi	8 00
		New Castle	Springdale	14 65
<i>Presbytery of Fairfield.</i>		St George's	Cincinnati 5th	26 35
Salina	4 00	Christiana	Avondale	31 00
Crawfordsville	2 00	Lewis	Montgomery	8 15
Brighton	1 20	Cool Spring	Bethel	6 82
	7 20	Georgetown	Glendale	48 10
<i>Presbytery of Knox.</i>		Federalburg	Pleasant Ridge	9 33
		Wicomico	Loveland	9 89
<i>Presbytery of Yadkin.</i>		Wilmington Cen- tral	College Hill	21 62
Lexington	5 00	Hanover St Wil- mington	Somerset	5 77
Statesville S. S.	7 15	Pencade	Cincinnati 7th	62 50
	12 15	Chesapeake City	Central and Schl.	151 35
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.		Dover	Cincinnati 6th	3 60
<i>Presbytery of Baltimore.</i>			New Richmond	3 50
Baltimore 2d	3 00		Walnut Hills 1st	13 30
Westminster & S S	264 30			537 71
Frederick	2 00	<i>Presb. of Rio de Janeiro.</i>		
Lonaconing	4 80	<i>Pres. of Washington City.</i>		
Barton	5 20	Bridge St Georgetown	Monroeville	11 05
Ellicott City	10 00	Prince William 1st	Reilly 5, Rev. C. H.	
Williamsport	20 00	Falls	Raymond 5	10 00
Grove	2 60	Darnestown	New Carlisle	8 00
Cumberland	38 00	Salem S S	Bethel	4 00
New Windsor	4 58	Washington 4th	Middletown	8 18
Fredericksburg	116 04	New York Avenue	Monroe	11 00
Deer Creek and Harmony	14 42		Dayton 3d	19 70
Havre de Grace 1st	5 00		Springfield 2d	37 00
Brown Memorial	65 26		Piqua Sab School	15 00
Baltimore 1st	270 00		New Jersey	6 85
Dolphin St and Mission Sch	9 00		Hamilton	29 61
	874 20		College Corner	5 00
		SYNOD OF CHINA.		
		<i>Presbytery of Canton.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Fuchow.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Japan.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Ningpo.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Peking.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Shanghai.</i>		
		<i>Presbytery of Shantung.</i>		
		SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.		
		<i>Presb. of Chillicothe.</i>		
		Pisgah	Gallipolis 1st	10 55
		South Salem	Eckmansville	7 00
		North Fork	Decatur	4 00
			Portsmouth, 1st	
			German	7 00
			Rome 1st	5 00
				33 55

SYNOD OF CLEVELAND.		New Cumberland	\$6 00	<i>Presbytery of Marion.</i>	
<i>Presb. of Cleveland.</i>		Kilgore	9 00	Berlin eh	\$10 00
Charden eh	\$2 00	Island Creek, Me-	25 00	Liberty	9 00
Lafayette	7 92	morial	14 00	Brown	7 00
Youngstown	70 00	Carrollton	8 70	York	6 00
Cleveland, Westmin-	10 00	Bloomfield	23 50	Mt Gilead	14 00
ster		Centre Unity	13 75	Milford Centre	2 00
Cleveland, Memorial	5 00	Harlem Springs	10 00	Maryville	8 18
		East Liverpool	19 00	Marion 1st	15 00
Willoughby	5 00	New Hagerstown	15 00	Delhi	3 00
Liberty	3 55	Waynesburg	10 00		
Memorial	11 00	Bethlehem	30 40		74 18
Cleveland 1st	238 00	Two Ridges	18 00	<i>Presbytery of Wooster.</i>	
Do, 2d	383 50	Yellow Creek	10 67	Berlin eh	\$8 00
Euelid Avenue	169 50	Pleasant Hill	10 00	Jackson	20 25
Strongsville	9 25	Bacon Ridge	10 00	Wooster	83 53
Elyria	7 00	East Springfield	21 00	Mt Eaton	5 00
Rev. W. F. Milliken	5 00	Steubenville 2d	12 00	Shelby	10 40
Collamer	11 35	Island Creek	4 00	Jeromeville	7 00
Ashtabula	11 75	New Harrisburg	2 00	Nashville	42 00
		Smithfield	342 61	Haysville	10 80
	949 82			Chippewa	8 00
<i>Presb. of Mahoning.</i>		SYNOD OF COLORADO.		Canal Fulton	10 00
Salem	16 28	<i>Presb. of Colorado.</i>		Perrysville	8 00
Ellsworth	17 70	Colorado City	9 70	Clearfork	3 00
Warren 1st	30 00	Denver	17 00	McKay	3 25
Newton	7 00	Pueblo and S S	5 95	Orrville	3 00
Poland	6 70	Boulder Valley	1 10	Congress	6 15
New Lisbon	15 77	Central City	8 00	West Salem	4 53
Canton	29 13	Golden City	5 00	Wayne & Chester	10 00
	122 58			Holmesville	6 00
<i>Presb. of St. Clairsville.</i>			45 75	Shreve	4 50
Cadiz	20 25	<i>Presb. of Santa Fe.</i>		Fredericksburg	51 00
Buffalo	25 25	Las Vegas	3 00	Lexington	10 00
Morristown	7 79	Santa Fe	4 57	Mansfield	20 00
Crab Apple	14 00			Ashland	29 20
Bellsville	6 65		7 57		363 61
Powhattan	1 85	<i>Presb. of Wyoming.</i>		<i>Presbytery of Zanesville.</i>	
Short Creek	8 00	SYNOD OF COLUMBUS.		Washington	27 00
York	5 00	<i>Presbytery of Athens.</i>		Fairmount	2 00
St. Clairsville	50 00	Athens 1st	13 00	Pataskala	8 00
Bell Air	2 00	Marietta	69 45	Jersey	6 00
Weegee	8 00		82 45	West Carlisle and	
Kirkwood	7 52	<i>Presbytery of Columbus.</i>		Jefferson	14 06
Rockhill	5 00	Kingston	9 00	Madison	18 00
Martinsville	16 40	Lithopolis	17 70	Zanesville 2d	30 93
Concord	18 00	Cireleville	17 65	Mt Zion	12 00
New Athens	10 00	Monticello	5 00	Waterford	3 50
Wheeling Valley	4 00	Lancaster	8 00	Rural Dale	6 00
		Columbus 1st	58 84	Brownsville	10 00
	209 71	Westerville	4 00	Coshocton	26 00
<i>Presb. of Steubenville.</i>		Cireleville 1st	30 15	Newark	4 25
Corinth	24 00			Mt Vernon	23 00
Minerva	4 36			Uniontown	1 00
Pleasant Hill	6 00			Roseville	1 00
Steubenville 1st	23 23			Fredericktown	7 33
Bethesda	3 00			Putnam	10 00
Canonsburg	10 00		150 34	Martinsburgh	5 00
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SYNOD OF ERIE.		SYNOD OF GENEVA.		Harrisburg ch	
<i>Presb. of Allegheny.</i>		<i>Presb. of Cayuga.</i>		Carlisle 2d	\$157 71
<i>Presb. of Butler.</i>		Aurora ch	\$20 10	Upper Path Valley	25 00
Coultersville ch	\$6 00	Port Byron	28 70	Harrisburg 7th st	20 00
Summit	4 29	Genoa 1st	17 65	Wilson College	50 00
Mount Nebo	4 00	Jordan	5 50	Falling Spring	68 95
Centreville	13 00	Sennett	10 00	Big Spring	22 00
		Meridian	5 00	Carlisle 1st	72 55
		Calvary (Auburn)	6 50	Landisburg	2 50
	27 29	Auburn 1st	56 00	Petersburg	3 00
<i>Presb. of Clarion.</i>		Dryden 1st	10 45	Lower Path Valley	13 32
Oak Grove	2 75	Marcellus	11 00	Burnt Cabin	5 00
Concord	10 00	Auburn 2d	24 09	Market Square	
Allensburg	6 00	Ludlowville	4 16	Harrisburg	100 00
Emlenton	4 75		199 15	Mercersburg	20 00
Callsburg, by		<i>Presb. of Chemung.</i>		Harrisburg 7th	15 00
Rev. T. J. Milford	3 00	Elmira 2d	38 00	Harrisburg Pine st	80 00
	26 50	Watkins 1st	19 08	Gettysburg	20 12
<i>Presb. of Erie.</i>		Elmira 1st	60 00	Duncannon	2 00
Meadville	48 00	Hector	3 00		833 97
Garland	2 00		120 08	<i>Presb. of Huntingdon.</i>	
Milledgeville	3 00	<i>Presb. of Geneva.</i>		Port Royal	6 95
Cochranton	5 00	Oaks Corners	10 00	Milroy	5 00
Park, Erie	46 00	Geneva 1st	42 41	Mifflintown and	
Corry	14 00	Romulus	12 02	Lost Creek	61 00
Fairfield	7 00	Manchester	3 00	Lewistown	91 66
Pittsfield	2 00	Gorham	13 30	Huntingdon	84 40
Union	8 50	Seneca	21 17	Williamsburg	25 00
Erie 1st	50 00	Canoga	5 00	Hollidaysburg	14 02
Oil City	20 00	West Fayette	3 00	Bedford	10 00
Titusville 1st	100 00	Phelps 1st	18 00	Sinking and	
Waterloo	5 00	Branchport	4 00	Spring Creek	30 00
Cent. Allegheny	100 00	Newfield	5 00	Beulah	7 50
North East 1st	18 00		136 90	Altoona 1st	42 47
	428 50	<i>Presb. of Lyons.</i>		Bellefonte	75 00
<i>Presb. of Kittanning.</i>		Havanna	17 83	Little Valley	8 00
Marion and Rock-		Lyons 1st	10 31		463 00
bridge	8 00	Newark	19 14	<i>Presb. of Northumberland.</i>	
Mount Pleasant	4 00		47 28	Northumberland	20 00
Pine's Run	8 80	<i>Presb. of Steuben.</i>		Milton	30 00
Slate Lick	10 86	Bath 1st	16 50	Buffalo	11 00
Freeport	26 35	Arkport	3 75	Grove	20 00
Clinton	5 68	Corning	45 25	Shamokin	18 16
Kittanning	100 00	Campbell	17 13	Mahoning	31 89
Elder's Ridge	8 00	Hornellsville	5 00	McEwensville	12 00
Indiana	50 00	Prattsburgh	13 00	Mifflinsburg	9 72
Saltsburgh	44 30	Canisteo	3 00	New Berlin	9 05
Harmony	2 50		103 65	Williamsport 3d	11 00
Glade Run	20 00	SYNOD OF HARRISBURG		Washington	9 46
Currie's Run	12 00	<i>Presb. of Carlisle.</i>		Chillisquaque and	
	300 49	Petersburgh	3 00	Mooresburg	17 65
<i>Presb. of Shenango.</i>		Williamsport 1st	40 00	Rohrsburg	7 60
Clarksville	16 00	Middle Springs	35 00	Hartleton	5 39
Neshannock	20 00	Greencastle	25 00	Lewisburgh	30 50
	36 00			Williamsport 1st	40 00
				Bald Eagle and	
				Nittany	45 00
				Berwick	5 00
					333 42

<i>Presb. of Wellsboro.</i>		Appanoose ch	\$4 25	Elgin eh	\$5 60
Elkland ch	\$4 00	Clayton 1st	8 00	Wyoming	3 00
Falls Brook	15 00	Ebenezer	13 50	Oswego	5 00
Wellsboro	5 00	Huntsville	1 70		
Ulysses	1 60	Brooklyn	1 55		35 24
Arnot	3 90	Fountain Green	5 00	<i>Presb. of Rock River.</i>	
Condersport	4 00	Macomb	18 40	Edgington	12 00
		Sagetown S S	3 50	Pleasant Ridge	2 00
	33 50	Bardolph	4 00	Geneseo	6 00
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS		Quincy 1st	50 30	Princeton 1st	27 52
CENTRAL.		Perry	3 00	New Boston	1 00
<i>Presb. of Bloomington.</i>		Keithsburg	1 00	Edwards	2 00
Heyworth	13 00	Rushville	9 10	Winnebago	3 00
Paxton	12 00	Camp Creek	10 50	Beulah	2 00
Chenoa	10 60	Odin	2 00	Fulton	7 91
Washington	19 46	Young America	15 30	Millersburgh	6 25
Towanda	8 00	Bushnell	27 50	Centre	6 00
Champaign City 1st	22 10		250 70	Hanover 1st	6 40
Jersey	10 00	<i>Presb. of Springfield.</i>		North Henderson	13 00
Wenona 1st	13 50	Irish Grove	8 75	Sterling	18 00
Rev. S. H. Stevenson	5 00	Deeatur 1st	36 20	Hamlet	9 50
Chatsworth	6 00	Maroa	6 20	Woodhull	5 00
Reading	6 00	Springfield 1st	147 92	Camden	6 00
Crow Meadow	3 00	North Sangamon	15 35	Sterling	30 00
Piper City	10 00	Jacksonville, Por-		White Rock	1 00
El Paso	5 00	tuguese 2d	50		
Urbana	5 40		214 92		164 58
Lexington	3 00	SYNOD OF		SYNOD OF	
Danville	22 10	ILLINOIS NORTH.		ILLINOIS SOUTH.	
Tolona	12 70	<i>Presb. of Chicago.</i>		<i>Presb. of Alton.</i>	
Homer	8 06	Dunton	15 00	Belleville	7 75
	194 92	Kankakee	13 11	Chester	6 25
<i>Presb. of Peoria.</i>		Jefferson Park	36 00	Pleasant Ridge	6 50
Henry	18 00	Lake Forest	75 00	Alton 1st	27 00
Yates City	15 00	Chicago 8th	41 62	Bethel	10 50
Atlanta	4 00	do 9th	25 00	Virden	58 65
John Knox	6 50	Peotone	2 00	St. John's	2 50
Ipava	14 00		207 73	Elm Point	7 00
Brunswick	4 11	<i>Presb. of Freeport</i>		Butler	5 55
Lewistown	56 68	Middle Creek	12 00	Waveland	4 25
Salem	5 00	Cedarville	12 00	Greenfield	10 00
Canton	11 41	Ridotte	10 00	Brighton	4 00
French Grove	1 00	Warren 1st	15 00	Sparta 1st	27 45
Mansfield	2 00	Rockford, West-			
Peoria	10 00	minster	27 22	<i>Presb. of Cairo.</i>	
Knoxville	8 95	Marengo	7 00	Pisgah	20 00
Galesburg	23 07	Harvard	6 00	Carmi	9 25
	179 71	Galena German	4 00	Riehview	8 00
<i>Presb. of Schuyler.</i>		Freeport 2d	10 40	Golconda	5 70
Mt. Sterling	20 00	Galena South	22 96	Enfield	4 00
Monmouth 1st	28 35	Freeport Ger. 3d	3 00	Sharon	2 00
Camp Point	6 30		129 58	Wabash	3 12
Pittsfield	3 00	<i>Presb. of Ottawa.</i>		Gilead	2 65
Augusta	6 00	Ottawa 1st	15 64	Friendsville	6 75
Good Hope	2 50	Aurora	6 00	Salem	2 50
Pontoosuc	5 95			Shawncetown	23 70
				Kinnmundy	2 00
					89 67

<i>Presb. of Mattoon.</i>		<i>Presb. of Muncie.</i>		Howesville ch	
Walnut Prairie	\$4 10	Kokomo ch	\$2 00	Claiborne	7 00
Mattoon 1st	3 00	Selma	1 00	Princeton	5 00
Vandalia	7 02	Jonesburg	1 00	Petersburg	6 10
Morrison	3 00	Hartford	6 00	Mount Vernon	6 00
Hebron	3 00	Marion	3 33	Evansville, Walnut	
Oakland	3 00	Anderson 1st	10 00	Street	50 00
Shelbyville	1 00	Perrysburg	4 00		
Charleston	10 00	Shiloh	3 50		139 40
Effingham	3 00	Noblesville	8 00	<i>Presb. of White Water.</i>	
Tuscola 1st	6 75	Roxbury	2 00	Richmond 1st	14 00
		Wabash	26 00	Greensburg	34 11
	43 87		66 83	Shelbyville 1st	22 75
SYNOD OF INDIANA NORTH.		SYNOD OF INDIANA SOUTH.		Rising Sun	11 00
<i>Presb. of Crawfordsville.</i>		<i>Presb. of Indianapolis.</i>		Pleasant Grove,	
Centre. Crawford	20 00	Union	4 20	Harmony and	
Rockville	12 00	Southport	4 40	Carthage	5 00
Crawfordsville 1st	7 50	Indianapolis 3d	63 60	Lawrenceburgh	7 81
Lexington	10 00	Do. 5th	5 00	Aurora	12 50
Dover	3 90	Hopewell	18 00		107 17
Darlington	4 15	Greenwood	8 50	SYNOD OF IOWA NORTH.	
Bethel	2 83	Bainbridge	1 50	<i>Presb. of Cedar Rapids.</i>	
Eugene	2 50	Franklin	10 00	Camanche	53 00
Waveland	10 50	Donaldson	17 40	Union	2 50
Sugar Creek	3 00	Carpentersville	2 00	Yankee Grove	2 50
Frankfort	16 00	Indianapolis 7th	50 00	Andrew and	
Lafayette 1st	8 79	Columbus	15 00	Farmer's Creek	6 50
Do 2d	15 50	Indianapolis 2d	56 08	Linn Grove	7 85
Rockville	9 50		255 08	Scotch Grove	6 25
Oxford	11 15	<i>Presb. of New Albany.</i>		Bethel	2 00
Rossville	1 00	New Albany 1st	50 00	Shellsburgh Central	2 00
Jefferson	1 00	Oak Grove	12 65	Wheatland	7 00
	139 32	Hanover	7 12	Anamosa	1 25
<i>Presb. of Fort Wayne.</i>		Orleans	1 00	Wayne	2 50
Fort Wayne 3d	57 80	Pleasant Township	5 00	Blairstown	2 00
Do do 2d	12 00	Lexington	6 00	Fairfax	1 95
Warsaw	4 25	Jefferson	3 50	Cedar Rapids 1st	5 00
La Grange	5 00	New Albany 3d	44 50	Onslow	8 00
Fort Wayne 1st	90 25	Bethel	10 95	Eldora	1 50
Princeton	5 00	Mount Lebanon	1 60	Springville	2 60
Lima 1st	8 60	Sharon	4 25	Bellevue	5 00
Goshen	12 00	Rehoboth	4 10	Vinton 2d	5 02
	194 90	Utica	2 45		124 42
<i>Presb. of Logansport.</i>		Jeffersonville	37 85	<i>Presb. of Dubuque.</i>	
South Bend	10 00	Jackson county,		Lansing	7 00
Rensselaer	4 00	German	4 00	Frankville	3 00
Concord	6 50	Graham	3 00	Cedar Valley	1 50
Bethlehem	5 50	Madison 2d	20 50	Epworth	3 50
La Porte	14 10		218 47	Manchester 1st	3 00
Indiana Creek	2 16	<i>Presb. of Vincennes.</i>		Pleasant Grove	4 45
West Union	5 16	Washington	10 00	Cooper Creek	55
Monticello	10 50	Indiana	10 00	Hopkinton	6 25
Michigan City	10 00	Vine-st. Evansville	26 00	Liberty	2 75
Logansport 2d	25 00	Vincennes 2d	11 30	Byron Centre	2 25
	92 92	Upper Indiana	5 00	Independence 1st	7 85
		Bruceville	1 00	Dubuque 1st	15 53
				Do. German 1st	12 60

Buck Creek ch	\$18 00	<i>Presb. of Iowa City.</i>	Washington ch	60	
McGregor	3 00	Muscatine	25 00	Frankfort 1st	80
Waukon	3 00	Deep River	8 00		
West Union Bethel	3 00	Summit	6 00		29 40
	97 23	Walcot	6 60	<i>Presb. of Neosho.</i>	
<i>Presb. of Fort Dodge.</i>		Mechanicsville	10 78	Paola	3 00
Jefferson	5 46	Clarence	6 25	New Chicago	4 00
Algona South	5 00	Hernon	2 95	Independence	3 40
Prairie Cr'k & Linn	1 00	Blue Grass	2 65	Chetopa	3 00
Prairie	3 00	Fairview	6 50	Pleasanton	2 80
		Red Oak	10 00		
		Long Grove	3 00		16 20
	14 46	Brooklyn	5 00	<i>Presb. of Topeka.</i>	
<i>Presb. of Waterloo.</i>		Ger. Muscatine 1st	4 00	Wamego	20 00
Clarkesville	5 00	Scott	6 50	Beloit	2 10
Waverly	13 00	Mount Union	2 00	Sharon	2 00
Theresa	5 36	Princeton	8 00	Auburn	3 00
Plessis	4 14	Solon, Unity, and		Olathe	30 00
Eldora	1 00	Oxford	21 75		
Iowa Centre	50 00	Lafayette	5 00		57 10
Waterloo	10 50	West Liberty	2 00	SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.	
		Cedar Valley	2 00	<i>Presb. of Ebenezer.</i>	
	89 39	Tipton	15 70	Maysville	21 65
		Davenport	15 57	Burlington	15 00
		Fulton	15 00	Flemingsburg	17 80
SYNOD OF IOWA SOUTH.			190 25	Lexington 2d	154 00
<i>Presb. of Des Moines.</i>		<i>Presb. of Missouri River.</i>		Crittenden	13 35
Dexter	4 50	Rockville	2 50	Paris	10 60
Des Moines 1st	33 20	Rockville, German	3 50	Sharpsburg	16 45
Mount Ayr	1 00	Ponca	2 00	Falmouth	6 00
Knoxville	6 90	Pleasant Ridge	2 34	Augusta	5 00
St. Charles S. S.	1 25	Plattsmouth	7 60	Moorfield	12 45
Garden Grove	2 75	Falls City	25 00	Concord	3 00
Winterset	7 00	Bedford	3 50	Carlisle	9 00
Afton	18 00	Clarinda	6 00	Bethel	8 75
Chariton	10 00	Fairview	1 85	Covington	135 75
Guthrie	5 00	Logan	10 00		428 80
Adel	3 00	Bell Creek	1 25	<i>Presb. of Louisville.</i>	
Corydon	2 00	Blackbird Hills	5 10	Hodgensville	7 25
	94 60	Atlantic	2 50	New Castle	17 50
<i>Presb. of Iowa.</i>		Hamburgh	27 00	Pisgah	6 10
Franklin Centre	5 50	Nebraska City 1st	19 00	Olivet	28 80
German, St. Peters	5 00	Pawnee City	2 00	Plum Creek	14 00
Kirkville	7 50	Brownville	8 00	Shelbyville	11 00
Fairfield	7 00	Fontenelle	1 05	Pewee Valley	13 25
Ottumwa	4 00		130 19	Cloverport	17 25
Bentonport	1 00	SYNOD OF KANSAS.		Elizabethtown	15 15
West Point	4 00	<i>Presb. of Emporia.</i>		Munfordsville	9 90
Burlington 1st	19 25	Burlingame	42 00	Edmonton	2 00
Spring Creek	6 30	Osage City	75	Bowling Green	18 65
Libertyville	3 00	Lyndon	1 00	Owensboro	14 00
Tarkio	2 75	Burlington	3 25	Hopkinsville	15 30
College Springs	2 25		47 00	Olivet	5 00
Mt. Pleasant 1st	32 50	<i>Presb. of Highland.</i>		Bowling Green 2d	8 50
Kossuth 1st	10 25	Atchison	20 00	Walnut st. Louis.	20 00
Troy	1 05	Highland	8 00	Louisville 4th	36 00
Mt. Pleasant, Ger.	5 05			Marion	54 15
Chequest	3 10			Fredonia	10 80
				Princeton	32 00
	119 40				356 60

<i>Presb. of Transylvania.</i>		SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.		Tawas City ch \$75 00	
Cash	\$29 80	<i>Presb. of Detroit.</i>		Woodhull	2 00
Springfield	5 00				
Kirkwood	2 00	Mt. Clemens ch	\$14 00		160 46
Mount Pleasant	6 40	Holly	5 00	SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.	
Providence	17 00	Pontiac 1st	14 50	<i>Presb. of Dakota.</i>	
Harrodsburg	61 80	Fort St., Detroit	98 00	<i>Presb. of Mankato.</i>	
Lebanon	24 40	Wyandotte	2 50	Union, St. Peter	15 50
Bethel Union	9 15	Detroit, Jefferson		Redwood 1st	2 00
Pleasant Grove	2 50	Avenue	151 33	South Bend	1 00
Perryville	5 25	1st church Saline	7 45	Jackson	5 00
Danville	50 00	Smithfield	5 37	Lake Crystal	10 00
Paint Lick	26 10	Wing Lake	3 63	Mankato 1st	18 90
Harmony	6 00	Brighton	7 00	Garden City	35 00
Richmond	2 00	Erie	20 00	Austin	15 00
Mumfordsville	6 00				
Edmonton	16 00		328 78		
Glasgow	5 00	<i>Presb. of Grand Rapids.</i>			102 40
	274 40	Greenwood	1 00	<i>Presb. of St. Paul.</i>	
SYNOD OF LONG ISLAND.		Grand Rapids	5 16	Taylors Falls	9 65
<i>Presb. of Brooklyn.</i>		Ionias	21 95	Farmington	3 40
Ross Street	28 15	East Bay	5 00	Central ch, St Paul	53 58
Williamsburg	39 11	Muir	5 00	St. Anthony	11 15
Edgewater	51 57	Zeeland	2 00	Duluth	6 60
South 3d Street	39 35	Grand Haven	13 00	Litchfield	2 00
Throop Avenue	12 25	Pewamo	5 00	Kingston	1 00
Brooklyn 2d	105 77		58 11	Westminster, Min-	
Lafayette Avenue	100 00	<i>Presb. of Kalamazoo.</i>		neapolis	72 31
Lawrence Street	2 00	Allegan	15 00	Forest	1 50
	378 20	Kalamazoo 1st	26 44	Dundas	2 00
<i>Presb. of Long Island.</i>			41 44	Red Wing 1st	7 90
Southampton	28 82	<i>Presb. of Lansing.</i>		Oak Grove	7 50
Middletown 2d	19 00	Lansing 1st	25 00	Rockford	2 00
Do. 1st	10 05	Marshall	24 91	Delano	1 00
Setauket	6 00	Brooklyn	5 00	Long Lake	1 00
East Hampton	41 00			Independence	1 00
Southold	21 00		54 91	Belle Plain	5 00
A Friend in Bridg-		<i>Presb. of Monroe.</i>		St. Paul House of	
hampton	2 00	Constantine 1st ch	\$5 50	Hope	9 00
	127 87	Petersburg	4 00	Shakopee	80 00
<i>Presb. of Nassau.</i>		Deerfield	2 00	Stillwater 1st	10 00
Newtown	16 50	Monroe 1st	32 00		287 59
Huntington 1st	26 25	Adrian 1st	20 00	<i>Presb. of Winona.</i>	
Do. 2d	10 75	Tecumseh	23 00	Delacoune ch	\$10 25
Hempstead	17 34	Quincy	8 90	Chesapeake City	13 00
West Neck	5 00	Ida	32 00	South Rushford	3 00
Jamaica	45 87		127 40	Fillmore	2 60
Springfield	33 00	<i>Presb. of Saginaw.</i>		Hastings	12 00
Fosters Meadow	2 00	Au Sable	2 61	Caledonia	9 00
Smithtown	4 00	Midland City	3 00	Le Roy	10 00
Fresh Pond	6 00	Flint	38 90	Lake City	9 00
Islip	7 00	East Saginaw	8 00	Lanesboro	2 00
North Point	12 00	Bay City	20 55	Preston 1st	4 62
	185 71	Lapeer	10 40	Freemont	4 25
				Chatfield	9 95
				St. Charles	4 00
				Utica	2 50

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.		Rahway 1st ch	\$26 05	German Valley	\$16 51
<i>Presb. of Osage.</i>		Summit	5 00	Welsh, Dover	10 00
Kansas City ch	\$15 00	Summit West	2 02	Chatham	46 00
Clinton 1st	6 00	Summit Centre	3 60	Succasunna	15 60
Licking	4 00	Plainfield 2d	62 00	Fairmount	5 00
White Rock	1 10	Woodbridge 1st	10 00	Morristown 1st	369 23
Mountain Grove	3 00	Westminster,		Montclair	42 00
Sugar Creek	2 00	Elizabeth	75 00	Mendham 2d	8 25
Greenwood	3 40	Pluckamin	15 00	Mendham 1st	10 43
Lexington	28 65	Dunellen	5 00	Hanover 1st	22 16
Cooperstown	55 19	Springfield	23 19	Chester	10 00
Jefferson City	3 26	Elizabeth 2d	72 52	Orange 1st	83 20
		New Providence	16 00	Mount Freedom	15 00
		Westfield	30 50	Chester	105 00
121 60		Plainfield 1st	22 60	Hanover 1st	28 16
<i>Presb. of Ozark.</i>		Roselle	20 00		
<i>Presb. of Palmyra.</i>		Crawford	9 00		851 54
Palmyra	10 00	Rahway 2d	30 00	<i>Presb. of Newark.</i>	
Do. 2d	5 00	Elizabeth 3d	82 35	German, Newark	5 00
Brookfield	30 35	Clinton	9 05	Roseville	174 85
Louisiana	2 95	Elizabeth 1st	110 65	Park, Newark	30 00
Memphis 1st	3 00		686 53	Crawford	2 00
New Cambria	2 00	<i>Presb. of Jersey City.</i>		Wickliff	18 66
Laclede	1 00	Paterson 1st	140 00	Madison	35 05
Clark City	1 00	Jersey City 2d	80 75	Westminster,	
Kirkville	3 00	Englewood	151 75	Bloomfield	29 18
Canton	20 00	Jersey City 1st	34 00	S. Park, Newark	67 83
78 20		Bergen	25 00	Bloomfield	61 47
<i>Presb. of Platte.</i>		Union 1st	5 00	High st. Newark	32 00
Maryville	5 00	1st Ger. Paterson	3 00	Newark 1st	67 16
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